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OHR BITS

The Rabbi's Corner by Rabbi Joel Mishkin

As I contemplate the beginning of my twelfth year of service to Congregation Beth Ohr as well as my thirty-seventh year of service in the rabbinate, I believe that I have learned some very important lessons about congregational life and the pulpit and would like to share some insights with you.

First and foremost, more than any other value, there is a deep necessity for an understanding of the word partnership when it comes to leadership in the congregation. I have served three congregations during my professional life. There have been times when the partnership between laity and professional was extremely clear and well laid out, and there were other times when it was more ambiguous. Fortunately, my time at Congregation Beth Ohr has been distinguished by a crystal-clear understanding of that relationship. Even with our modest congregation and a relatively small Board and Executive Committee, there was never an expectation that I would function as anything but your rabbi, and my rabbinic responsibilities were always extremely well-defined. Even when unusual circumstances arose the Board and Executive Committee always treated me with deep respect and appreciation. I trust that I have treated our congregation in the same fashion.

A second important consideration for rabbinic satisfaction and a successful relationship stems from the understanding that rabbis are not miracle workers. Demographics play a pivotal role in the growth of a congregation and while Congregation Beth Ohr has remained remarkably stable when it comes to membership, attracting new members to Old Bridge Township has never been easy. I have never felt as if my role in that endeavor was held to unrealistic standards. I know of many colleagues who are not so fortunate, and I don't envy their predicament.

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CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

- July 04 8:13 pm
- July 11 8:10 pm
- July 18 8:06 pm
- July 25 8:01 pm

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For me, the expectation always was to maintain ties with our present membership, to be welcoming and kind to new members, and to be open to new ideas and new strategies, and to take pleasure in preaching, teaching, and pastoring to our members. I have always tried to provide an accessible and empathetic ear for the members of our congregation and to serve them to the very best of my ability.

As we look into the future, Beverly and I are deeply grateful to our congregants, and I look forward to continuing as your rabbi. In conclusion, I would like to thank our past-president, Phil Rabinowitz, for his commitment to our synagogue and look forward to a positive and meaningful relationship with our incoming president, Jeff Perlman. It continues to be both a pleasure and a privilege to serve as your rabbi.

Rabbi Joel S. Mishkin

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Friday Night Shabbat Service

6:00 PM via Zoom

July 4, 11, 18, 25

Saturday Shabbat Service

9:30 AM in the Sanctuary

July 5, 12, 19, 26

Sunday Morning Service

9:00 AM in the Sanctuary

July 6, 13, 20, 27

CONTACT RABBI MISHKIN

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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.

PAST PRESIDENT JEFFREY PERLMAN TO SERVE AS PRESIDENT FOR 2025-2026

Mazel Tov to Jeffrey Perlman who has agreed to serve as Beth Ohr's next President. Jeff will commence writing articles for the Ohr Bits with the August issue. We look forward to a successful year with Jeff at the helm.

The following congregants serve on the Beth Ohr Board.



President	Jeffrey Perlman
First Vice President	Martin Israel
Adult Education & Programming	Linda Benish
Communications	Harriet Rabinowitz
Good & Welfare	Paula Yourman
Second Vice President	Myles Schwartz
Fund Raising	Roberta Karpel
House	Mel Brandl
Third Vice President	Philip Rabinowitz
Budget	Stuart Rizick
Membership	Philip Rabinowitz
Ritual	Chuck Rogol
Treasurer	Allan Benish
Financial Secretary	Allen Skupp
Recording Secretary	Helene Grynberg

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline to submit items for the August Newsletter is Friday, July 25, 2025. Please email your articles to Meryl on or before that date.

Beth Ohr installation comments by Ed Mendlowitz on June 7, 2025

An installation is a ceremony celebrating the strength of an organization and a validation of the optimism we all share about its continuation and the anticipation of a new beginning as well.

Beth Ohr is starting its 69th year, and we are today what we were when a few Jewish people in Madison Township, now called Old Bridge, felt that there should be a synagogue to represent the Jewish presence in the community they lived in. Well, we are still that Jewish presence – and I might say a PROUD Jewish presence with the Jewish Star prominently displayed on our Shul building. There is no doubt that Jews live in the community.

On some level what we do is selfish. We want to continue what we have because of the friendship we have for each other. We are closer to each other than we are to our dispersed family. We see each other weekly, either in Shul on Shabbos or Sunday or on Zoom on Friday night or on the adult education classes conducted by Rabbi Mishkin and Linda Benish, or with Temple monthly Board meetings or the Sisterhood monthly board meetings or its periodic membership meetings, plus in this building on the High Holidays and Festivals, and on other special occasions.

We have a lot happening and while no one goes to everything, there are enough at each meeting or activity to keep us viable. We also have some members that do not participate in anything, but they maintain their memberships that provide needed funds. Everything counts and everyone contributes or participates in a way that they are comfortable with, but together we are a team that keeps this building open, our friendships strong and that Jewish Star visible.

Toda Raba and Yasha Koach to all of us.

I want to begin the installation with a Shehecheyanu, thanking G-d for allowing us to reach this season, this installation event. So, let us all stand and recite the Shehecheyanu.

Ba rukh.....**she he che ya nu** ve ki ye ma nu **ve hi gi a nu** laz ze man **haz zeh**.

Thanks to G-d "...Who has kept us alive, sustained us, and brought us to this season. **Amen**

I will start by naming the outgoing officers and board. When I finish, I will ask them to all stand to be discharged. Also, while they are cited individually, each of their spouses and other family members living with them should also be commended because of the valuable time they spend away from them, performing their essential Beth Ohr activities. Toda Raba, thank you to you too.

I will now name each outgoing member. [List was read at Installation but Omitted here]
Phil Rabinowitz will be discharged separately.

Please stand. Thank you and you are all officially discharged. We appreciate your service.

Toda Raba.

Also on the Board are Rabbi Mishkin, Sisterhood Presidium and Men's Club President. And you are also acknowledged for your valuable service on the Board.

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Phil to be discharged as President

Phil, you have led us as our president these past two years, as well as having served as president from 2015 to 2017 and once again, you have led us to be a stronger, more active and a more financially secure Shul, with an energetic Board. You took your role seriously, presiding at Congregational events, representing us at United Synagogue meetings, leading our Friday, Shabbos and Sunday services and also Shiva minyans, attending funerals and so many other activities.

Leadership requires energy, ideas and stepping up, and you certainly did more than your share. We also want to thank Harriet for her ever present participation, support and efforts along with yours. President Rabinowitz, you are officially discharged as President of Congregation Beth Ohr.

Before we continue, the Congregation would like to present you with this gift of this excellent and beautiful **Book of Jewish Knowledge**.

Phil now made some remarks about the accomplishments during the last two years.

Installation of new Officers and Board

Name each new Officer and Board member. Jeff to be installed separately.

[Names omitted here]

You have assumed the commendable role of assuring Beth Ohr's presence. Many of you previously served so you know the seriousness of the responsibility being placed on your shoulders. You also take on the responsibility of maintaining the vibrant Judaism among our neighbors. This is particularly important now, in view of the rise of an anti-Semitism that we never imagined occurring in America. You are showing that Jews live here and will continue to live here, and our sanctuary places a body and soul on Judaism in their midst. What you are doing is admirable, necessary, important and bigger than just our Shul.

The Congregation thanks you and you are all officially installed.

We look forward to your service. Yasha Koach.

Installation of Jeffrey Perlman

Jeff, you are a special person that always steps up when you are needed. Actually, I don't think I ever saw you without a smile. You were our president 2010 – 2012, but afterwards you served another stint as treasurer which is not an easy job, and you help out and participate, along with Rysie, in so many ways.

Your value has been immeasurable as are our thanks. We are grateful for what you have done, what you do, what you will do and for your friendship. On behalf of the Congregation you are officially installed, again, as president of Congregation Beth Ohr.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Condolences to Adina Baazova on the passing of her dear aunt Yael Izolda bat Chaya Purim

THANK YOU

Dear Sisterhood, Men's Club, and Congregation,

Thank you for the beautiful note and the kind words you shared after my husband's passing. Your support and thoughtfulness have meant so much to me and my family during this difficult time. The gold cards, donations, bricks, and the Holiday Prayer Book are deeply appreciated and will always be remembered.

Knowing that I was in your thoughts—and that such a caring and generous community honored his memory—has brought real comfort. Please accept my heartfelt thanks for your compassion and kindness.

Warmly, **Meryl Lafazan**

Ellie Honig wishes to extend her heartfelt thanks to everyone for the kind congratulations on her recent simchas and the thoughtful get well cards. Your support has meant so much to her during this time. She is truly sorry for the delay in expressing her gratitude, but please know how deeply she appreciates each and every one of you.

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 June. We will celebrate Simcha Shabbat on Saturday, July 12, 2025.

Birthdays

<u>Names</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Myles Schwartz	July 02
Burt Silverman	July 08
Harriet Rabinowitz	July 09
Allen Skupp	July 15
Michael Hillman	July 19
Risa Cooper	July 28
Lee Hyman	July 30

Anniversaries

<u>Names</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Mr. & Mrs. Barry Gray	July 04
Mr. & Mrs. Allen Skupp	July 12
Mr. & Mrs. David Honig	July 15

Welcome Cantor Molly May



Cantor Molly May is excited to serve Congregation Beth Ohr for the High Holidays 5786 in her first position as an ordained cantor. Cantor Molly has a range of experiences on the bima and looks forward to leading a service rooted in traditional nusach and enthusiastic congregational singing. She guarantees to be able to end the N'ilah service exactly right!

Cantor Molly is a musician and educator. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education from the University of Michigan and a Masters Degree in Music Education from Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey. Molly has completed her cantorial studies through the Academy for Jewish Religion. Prior to entering the Jewish professional world, she taught orchestra and band (occasionally participating in barbershop quartets and choruses as well as symphony orchestras).

Cantor Molly is completing a residency in Clinical Pastoral Education at Duke Regional Hospital, after which she will apply to become a board-certified chaplain.

Cantor Molly has lived in Durham, NC with her family for the past three years. She is a free-lance cantor, teacher/tutor, music transcriber, and the operations director of the May household which includes her husband Chuck and her three sons, aged 18, 16, and 14.

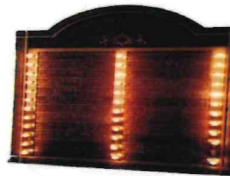
PROGRAMMING “Bits”

Now that summer has hit with a vengeance, it is (amazingly) time to think about the High Holidays. We met Cantor Molly May at our Zoom Shabbat service and were delighted with her beautiful voice and wonderful tunes. We can hear more from her during the summer, as she will again join us on Zoom to teach about the holidays and introduce some High Holiday tunes. Join us on July 31st at 7 p.m. to “sing along with Cantor Molly.” A Zoom link will be sent out shortly before that date. There will be another program in August, as we get closer to the holidays. That date is forthcoming.

Have a great summer, stay cool, and keep singing!

Linda Benish, Program Chair

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) _____ (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 _____

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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 Ruth & Ed Lubitz in Memory of Dorothy Hodos

Donation From Terrie R. Polovsky

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Donation from Herb Goldenberg in Honor of Wilma & Allen Appel's 66th Anniversary, and the 75th Anniversary of Allen's Bar Mitzvah.

Donation from Kelli Richman in Honor of Wilma & Allen Appel's 66th Anniversary, and the 75th Anniversary of Allen's Bar Mitzvah.

Heidi Rogol Memorial Fund

Donation from Ashna Pincus in memory of Saul Levine

Donation from Beth Schnitman-Malm in Memory of Heidi Rogol

YAHARZEIT DONATIONS

We acknowledge the following for their contributions.

Ellie Donated By	In Loving Memory Of
Amy Herring, Miriam Lubinsky, Ruth Balaban, & Eileen Balaban-Eisenberg	Suzanne Balaban
Amy Herring, Miriam Lubinsky, Ruth Balaban, & Eileen Balaban-Eisenberg	Ruth Ellinger
Bob Simon & Family	Mala Simon
Linda Garfinkel	Eva Rosenfeld
Herb Goldenberg	Shavout Yizkor Donations in memory of: Susan Goldenberg, Donald Golden, Rose & Irving Feuer, Sadie & Phillip Goldenberg
Elaine Edelman	David Edelman & Rae Rosenfeld Hochwald
Marty Israel	Rose Friedman
Marilyn Gilbarg	Joseph Gilbarg & Charles Gorsky
Sarah Raymond	Isadore Simon
Irene & Neil Rosen	Lyle Damon Rosen
Bob Simon & Family	Wolf Goldhecht
Bernie & Rita Selden	Meyer Salstein & Larry Kestenberg
Matthew Brenner	Ida Waranch
Lee Hyman	Alex Waranch
Ann Herrman, Susan Belmont & Family	Fannie Greenspan
Deborah & Lawrence Weintraub	Harry Plaut
Ellie Honig	Stephen Honig

July 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.

July 4/5

Shirley Dondes	07/05
Judith Druckman	07/05
Wolf Goldhecht	07/05
Alice Hoerd Pfeifer	07/05
Joseph Bienenfeld	07/06
Nathan Polovsky	07/06
Benjamin Rubin	07/06
Benjamin Tenenbaum	07/06
Lillian Shiffrinson	07/07
Susan F. Ginsburg	07/09
Barbara Hammer	07/09
Susan Kosser	07/09
Abraham Orenstein	07/09
Preston Pellatt	07/09
Reah Silverberg	07/09
Jeanette Goldman	07/10
Lena Kornberg	07/10
Stanley Rosen	07/10
Edythe Buckberg	07/11
Susan Ginsburg	07/11
Stephen Brown Honig	07/11
Roz O'Brien	07/11

July 11/12

Bennet Appel	07/12
Rose Gordon	07/12
Fannie Greenspan	07/12
Sally Steuer	07/12
Robert Davis	07/13
Michael Fischer	07/13
Harry Mednick	07/13
Bruce Steinklein	07/13
Irene Blumenthal	07/14
Sarah Levenstein	07/14
Shirley Sass	07/14
Diane Schaeffer	07/14
Theodore Silverman	07/14
Irving Trechak	07/14

July 11/12 Continued

Sylvia Benish	07/15
Nancy Braunsberg	07/15
Marjorie Burstein Smith	07/15
Rose Friedman	07/15
Ida H Meyers	07/15
Max Morgenstein	07/15
Gilbert Rosen	07/15
Dora Ross	07/15
Nathan Seiden	07/15
Frank Datkowitz	07/16
Emanuel Frankel	07/16
Harriet Saks	07/16
Lisette Bercovici	07/17
Emanuel Deitz	07/17
Mitchell Feinman	07/17
Rhoda Goetz	07/17
Irene Kleiman	07/17
David Krauss	07/17
Robert Wolfe	07/17
Sylvia Blank	07/18
Bertha Kanter	07/18
Simon Lionheart	07/18
Elizabeth Nurick	07/18
Joan Pekor Nover	07/18

July 18/19

Lillian Feld	07/19
Minna Freedman	07/19
Sylvia Pulchin	07/19
Esther Betesh	07/20
Benjamin Cohen	07/20
Steven Engber	07/20
Max Rubrum	07/20
Cheryl Seltzer	07/20
Beatrice Baum	07/21
Lyle Damon Rosen	07/21
Charles Sheffler	07/21
Bella Zavlek	07/21

July 18/19 Continued

Steven Helman	07/22
Julius Hoffman	07/22
Anne Leibowitz	07/22
Morris Lustgarten	07/22
Alex Waranch	07/22
Max Kaufman	07/23
Murray Schaeffer	07/24
Irving Birnbaum	07/25
Aaron Greenstein	07/25
Jacqueline Robinson	07/25

July 25/26

Abraham J. Paley	07/26
Rose Silverman	07/26
Arlette Wilpon	07/26
Samuel Nussenbaum	07/28
Harry Plaut	07/28
Benjamin Rabinowitz	07/28
Gladys Shapiro	07/28
Raye Smith	07/28
Lillian Silver	07/29
Lester Gochberg	07/30
Ida Waranch	07/30
Samuel Weiss	07/30
Michael Azaraev	07/31
Sally Kestenberg	07/31
Cecil Mautner	07/31
Jacquelyn Solomon	07/31
Regina Berko	08/01

MAZEL TOV TO OUR GRADUATES

Congregation Beth Ohr extends a Mazel Tov to the following members who are celebrating graduations of their children and grandchildren.

Linda and Allan Benish, proud grandparents of -

Cole Benish, parents Jeffrey and Cheryl, graduated from Morris County Vocational High School, Academy of Biotechnology. He will be attending SUNY Buffalo, majoring in Engineering.

Herb Goldenberg, proud grandfather of -

Grace Ann Field, parents Drs. Aileen and Melvin Field, graduated from Boston University with a degree in Computerized Biology. She hopes to continue her work in research and biostatistics.

Ann & Richard Herrmann, proud grandparents of -

Wesli Abell, parents Cari and Tony Abell. Wesli will be continuing her education at Virginia Tech University as a Construction Engineering major.

Micah Abell, parents Cari and Tony Abell. Micah is moving on to Hayfield High School.

Meryl Lafazan, proud grandmother of -

Evan Tyler Lafazan moved up from Frances M. Gaudineer Middle School in Springfield, N.J to Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield, N.J.

Aidan Philip Lafazan graduated from Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield, N.J. Aidan will be attending Penn State University with a special interest in city planning in the Geography Department.

Ruth and Ed Lubitz, proud grandparents of -

Rebecca "Bexie" Lubitz, parents Steve and Maureen Lubitz. Bexie graduated from Grafton (MA) High School and will continue her education at Brandeis University, planning to major in English. Both Steve and Maureen are graduates of Brandeis University.

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Ashna Pincus, proud grandmother of -

Rebecca Clark, parents Lisa and Stephen Clark. Rebecca graduated from CUNY School of Professional Studies with a Master of Arts in Museum Studies. She is the Associate Manager of School Outreach at the Museum of Jewish Heritage in New York City.

Ian Clark, parents Lisa and Stephen Clark. Ian graduated from Rutgers University with a Bachelor of Arts in Theatre with a Minor in Cinema Studies. He hopes to pursue a career in Theatre Lighting.

Marlee Pincus graduated from Cornell University with a Masters of Engineering in Biomedical/Medical Engineering. She plans to attend Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons at Columbia University.

Harriet and Philip Rabinowitz, proud grandparents of -

Dylan Rabinowitz, parents Mark and Kara Rabinowitz. Dylan graduated from Wyngate Elementary School in Bethesda, Maryland and will attend North Bethesda Middle School.

Linda and Allen Skupp, proud grandparents of -

Sam Skupp, parents Danielle and Ben Skupp. Sam plans to attend NC State studying business.

Deborah and Lawrence Weintraub, proud grandparents of -

Jack Elias, parents Hillary and Michael Elias. Jack graduated from Howell High School (NJ) and will attend University of Alabama.

Max Wilhelm, parents Ian Wilhelm and Barbara Perell. Max graduated from Katherine Johnson Middle School (VA) and will be attending Fairfax High School.

Phoebe Wilhelm, parents Ian Wilhelm and Barbara Perell. Phoebe graduated from Providence Elementary (VA) and will be attending Katherine Johnson Middle School (VA).

Nathan Shimkus, parents Ian Wilhelm and Barbara Perell. Nathan graduated from Providence Elementary (VA) and will be attending Katherine Johnson Middle School (VA).



Shalom,

Summer is here and Sisterhood is getting ready for the upcoming year. We are always open to ideas and input from our members. Please feel free to contact any member of the Presidium: Monica Atzbi, Barbara Schneider or Liz Aroyo.

Scrip is 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, scrip is also available from Monica Atzbi, Sharen Silverman, or Marcia Trechak. This is a good way to earn donor credit.

Ilene Gray A-K ileneg22@comcast.net

Liz Aroyo L-Z mikeliza3@comcast.net

Shalom,

Liz Aroyo, Presidium Member

REMINDER - HIGH HOLIDAY MACHZORS

Our committees have started planning for the High Holidays. As you know, the Ritual Committee acquired new High Holiday Machzors last year. If you would like to donate a High Holiday Prayer Book (Machzor) in memory of, or to honor someone, please send a check for \$36.00 per Book, made out to Sisterhood, Congregation Beth Ohr and mail it to Meryl Finkelshtein, 234 Community Circle, Old Bridge, NJ 08857. If you have any questions, email Meryl at merylrob@aol.com or call her at 732-679-8701.

SISTERHOOD BETH OHR CALENDAR PERSONALS

Dear Members:

Sisterhood is once again planning to make up our Jewish Calendar for the year 5785-5786 (2025-2026). 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, 2025.**

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)

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.

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Men's Club News

Minyan every Sunday. All are Welcome.

Men's Club Calendar



Every Sunday we have Bagels and a schmear, coffee and more. **Join in with us in the Shul.** The minyan starts at 9:00 and ends 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.

Aug 2025 to Jun 2026 programs to be announced next month.

Photos below

Taken at Sunday minyans. Lisa Mason. Ed and Irving Jankovitz with Rabbi Mishkin. Irving as Men's Club treasurer presented the Rabbi with a check for his discretionary fund from the poor box at the Sunday Minyans. Andy Mendlowitz with Linda Benish. Linda taught Andy his Bar Mitzvah Haftarah and Maftir a few years ago.



Men's Club Slate of Officers and Trustees for 2025/2026

President	Edward Mendlowitz
Program VP	Harvey Cohen
Ritual VP	Elliot Leibowitz
Treasurer	Irving Jankovitz
Secretary	Herbert Goldenberg
Good & Welfare	Philip Rabinowitz
Fund Raising	Andy Mendlowitz
Trustees	Allen Appel
	Mel Brandl
	Kenneth Deitz
	Larry Fachler
	Morton Kamenitz
	Chuck Rogol
	Robert Weiss

Beth Ohr Men's Club Triple S Club
Shul, Schmooze & Schmear
Every Sunday



Ed Mendlowitz remarks at Men's Club Installation June 8, 2025

A big Thank You to Elliot Leibowitz for performing the Discharge and Installation of the Officers and Trustees.



I like being President of Men's Club but would gladly step aside if someone else wanted this position. On some level I have not been a successful president because I haven't motivated anyone to step up. However, I look around at you guys and you come, and some run the service, and you go to at least one Shiva minyan, and Harvey keeps things going on Sunday mornings, with Morty and Mel helping out, and now with Herb back from Florida, Harvey has a regular partner.

I feel a friendship with each of you and enjoy being here. I also feel that same way with the Shabbos crowd. And also with whatever else I get involved in at Beth Ohr including the Gala Committee. I look at Beth Ohr as my "Cosa Nostra" – "Our Thing" and try to do what I can to keep it going.

I also feel that it is important for Judaism, not just for me or Beth Ohr, for there to be a strong and visible and PROUD Jewish presence in this community and the Star on this building tells our neighbors that. This is a much bigger thing than you and me.

I ask myself if Beth Ohr closed, would I feel I did as much as I could to keep it open? I don't. I could do more, but I do a lot and that is as much as I want to do. This is not a contest and doing more or less than other people is a shallow way to look at it. I could do more, and I try to do a little more as time goes on and that is a compensating feeling. I do not skimp on my contributions and would give more if it became necessary and that is an easy way to allay my conscience. But we are still a Shul and we need people to be here.

I am not telling you what to do. I am sharing my thoughts about me. I can tell you that as Men's Club president I am grateful for everything you each do, and I do not want to do anything to screw that up.

At Beth Ohr some of us, me included, try too much or too often to get members to come more often or come at all, or to participate in programs. Being a member means they contribute to our funding and that supports the Shul and also that makes them connected to the Jewish community here. That might be all they want to do. I worry that by telling them they need to do more, or to do something other than pay their dues, we will turn them off and then they will say "Who needs this constant nudging?" And then they will stop doing what they are doing.

So I will no longer ask anyone to do more. I will appreciate what they are doing and be grateful they continue to do that. They know what we do here and they know the importance of supporting the Synagogue, and I do not want what they do to stop.

I publicize what we do as much as possible and try to be a role model of some sort. I try to set an example. But I definitely do not want to do something that will make anyone stop what they are doing.

So my friends, thank you for entrusting me with serving as your president and I will continue to try to do a little more than I had been doing, and will not under any circumstances, apply any pressure for anyone to do more. I do not want to lose what we get from you.

Beth Ohr Family Photos



Photo Descriptions

Top row: Alice and David Honig celebrating Alice's birthday. Liz and Mike Aroyo wedding photo. They just celebrated their anniversary. Chuck Rogol in band playing Tuba at the Imperial Music Center in South River.

2nd row. Bob Lipp with seven of his grandchildren celebrating Father's Day.

3rd row: Gary Yourman raised \$105,716 last year for Make a Wish Foundation. He has been raising money for them for 20 years. Shown in the photo is proud mother Paula (in front row) and friends Ilene Gray and Linda Garfinkel. Great going for Gary and his helpers and everyone that contributed.

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Top row: A 70th Birthday Scrabble gift for Ken Deitz from one of his daughters. At a Phillies / Mets game: Ken Deitz, Ed, Bob Weiss and Alan Zeitlin.

2nd row: Card game guys celebrating Ken's 70th Birthday, Included are Ed, Morty Kamenitz, Bob Weiss, Phil Rabinowitz, Joe Shafran and joined by Dara. Adom Alom guys at Minyan. Herb, Mel, Morty and Harvey.

3rd row: Ed, Gail Rizick and Aryn Rizick at a CPA Convention. Main Street Theatre Company rehearsing the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire Trial show (which was performed at the end of June). Check out their show schedule at its website: [Main Street Theatre Company](http://www.mainstreettheatrecompany.com)

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Top: 3 photos taken by Harvey Cohen of flowers grown by Harvey and Lana. Lilies, Hibiscus, and rainbow in Red Bank.

2nd row: Family of Al Engber at a memorial gathering. Al's daughter, Sharon, in blue, next to her is daughter and Al's granddaughter, Erin. Al's great granddaughter, Mindy, is Erin's child being held by her father, standing. A grandson is not present. Rabbi Mishkin and Harriet and Bob Weiss with Al's partner Annette Collins who organized the gathering. Bottom: Photo taken at the annual Men's Club election meeting BBQ which was attended by 32 people. Cake celebrating Allen Appel's 75th anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah and 66th wedding anniversary of Allen and Wilma.

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Top: Harriet and Bob Weiss, and Marilyn and Morty Kamenitz celebrating Roberta and Eugene Bernstein's 58th Wedding Anniversary. 28 people at the Men's Club Red, White and Blue pancake breakfast catered by Harvey Cohen with assistance from Herb, Lana and Phyllis Ward.

2nd row: Herb and Phyllis. Table with Lisa Mason, Harvey, Lana and Phyllis.

Come to All Men's Club and Congregation Events – they are all FUN!

Save the Date

Gala Event October 26 from 11:00 to 2:30 at Beth Ohr.

Full details will be in next month's newsletter.

This is our MAJOR fund-raising activity.

Plan on attending and raising money for Beth Ohr by selling ads. If you want to serve on the committee, contact Ed Mendlowitz (732 890-3344)

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