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The Rabbi's Corner by Rabbi Joel Mishkin

“Summertime, and the Living is Easy”

Summertime is frequently an important time of year for Rab- bis precisely because the summer is quickly followed by the onset of the High Holidays. To be able to cease the ongoing flow of work and clear one’s mind is one of the goals that many rabbis seek out during the summer. And it was one of the things that I was gratefully able to enjoy this year. With the pause of classes and the quiet of the sum- mer I am able to enjoy some time reading for pleasure rather than always having my eyes and mind directed towards the next topical idea for the weekly sermon.

This summer Beverly and I chose to stay in our geographical area. We spent a couple of days in Peekskill, New York, which proved to be a lovely respite. The weather was rather humid, but we were spared any rain and enjoyed an afternoon touring a remarkable home called the Armour-Steiner Octagon House. The house is a fas- cinating structure which heavily favors octagonal features in almost every room including its furnishings and interior design. Shaped by the vision of the many individuals who have owned this lyrical house through the years, its magnificent ornamentation and period furnish- ings make it one of the most unique examples of the uninhibited in- dividualism of nineteenth century architecture. We were also aston- ished to learn that the original owner was Jewish and that one room was designed solely for the purpose of highlighting ancient Egyptian and Hebrew artifacts including a lamp that featured a ram’s horn for its stem. It was a not-so-subtle reminder of the unmistakable fact that the holidays are right around the corner.



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CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

- August 01 7:54 pm
- August 08 7:45 pm
- August 15 7:36 pm
- August 22 7:26 pm
- August 29 7:15 pm

We also spent a few days in New York City enjoying a couple of splendid Broadway shows, a trip to the Frick Museum, and a chance to visit with our dear friends from Florida, Rabbi Geoff and Sue Huntting, who were staying in Brooklyn for a month getting to know their newly-born first grandson, Leo. After two days of almost exquisite weather the temperature went through the roof and during our outdoor wanderings, we found ourselves looking for a bit of shade in an area designed as a lunch spot for the office employees in midtown.

There were a few choice tables and chairs along with countless benches lined with trees that made it an ideal accouterment for outdoor summer dining. Since it was a public outdoor place, I did notice something that struck me as slightly disturbing. As I mentioned it was lunchtime and there were no assigned tables or seating, but frequently people would spend an inordinate amount of time at the tables without any food or drink. Often, they would be seated alone while no one had the nerve to approach or request that they share their space.

Meanwhile countless office workers would be juggling their lunch-bowls and platters sitting awkwardly on benches with their food tottering on their laps. It did not make much sense to me why someone without refreshments would require a table and I remarked to Beverly that it was too bad that certain people were not willing to share their good fortune at finding a table and allowing those with lunch to occupy the tables.

Sometimes just a little bit of chesed is all that one wants and it was another reminder for me of the days ahead - when our thoughts should turn away from our individual desires and seek out what is best for others and for those who have less than we have. It is an important goal that we all must strive to have during these sacred days ahead as we ponder our past and consider our future.

- Rabbi Joel S. Mishkin



PERL'S OF WISDOM by Jeff Perlman

From the President's Desk

Ed Mendlowitz recently gave a Dvar Torah on parashah Shelach Lecha. He centered on the meaning of the word Lecha. In the parashah when Hashem told Moses to send spies to Canaan, was that a suggestion or a command. Rabbi Mishkin said it was a command. Without rehashing Ed's Dvar Torah, I had a few thoughts...

I recently observed the same dilemma by my 1 1/2 year old granddaughter. Each time her mother said "no" to her, you could see the wheels spinning in her head. Was this "no" a suggestion or a command. Most of the time she decided it was a suggestion. I'm sure her mother had other intentions. Authority figures don't often expect interpretations of their direct instructions by others.

This article is very different from the one I originally started. Thanks to my wife I have toned it down quite a bit. I originally started questioning the Sabbath observance of Conservative Judaism being that data shows that Orthodox Jews observe the Sabbath at a much higher rate than Conservative Jews, and whether observance was a suggestion or commandment. I then went into the usual pleading for people to show up more often for services.

I thought back to my first job where I had a supervisor who was from Spain. I was young at the time and looking to save the world, so my supervisor would often call me Don Quixote de la Mancha. I guess I was too often "tilting at windmills". I hope I've changed a little. I now go by the mantra that you can't change the wind, but you can adjust your sails. I was opening a can of worms as to what Sabbath observance means being that I'm the Synagogue President (nice title for the Synagogue Project Manager) and my job is to get people thinking about the future of Beth Ohr. I'm going to tone down the rhetoric and adjust my sails going forward. You all know by now the problems our synagogue faces for the future.

I hope we can achieve a more welcoming environment for more members and get more tushies into our seats.

Come to Shul. I hope to see you all before the High Holy Days.

Just a few thoughts...

Shalom



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Friday Night Shabbat Service

6:00 PM via Zoom

August 01, 08, 15, 22, 29

Saturday Shabbat Service

9:30 AM in the Sanctuary

August 02, 09, 16, 23, 30

Sunday Morning Service

9:00 AM in the Sanctuary

August 03, 10, 17, 24, 31

CONTACT RABBI MISHKIN

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941-518-8864, after hours for emergencies

By email : rabbijoelmishkin@gmail.com



Programming “Bits”

We met Cantor Molly May at our Zoom Shabbat service and were delighted with her beautiful voice and wonderful tunes. We enjoyed her Zoom program titled *Musical Themes of the High Holidays* on Thursday, July 31st. Cantor May will again join us on Zoom, Sunday, August 17th at 11:00 a.m. for Part 2 of *Musical Themes of the High Holidays*. The zoom link will be emailed with the Weekly Announcements.

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.



Gala Celebration Committee
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RABBI JOEL MISHKIN

October 26, 2025 Gala Event

L'Chaim Celebration

36 Years in our Permanent Sanctuary

Honoring

Allen Appel and Martin Tyberg

Mainstays of our Sabbath Services

*And remembering members
that recently passed away*

Dear Fellow Congregant,

This year's Gala Event will be celebrating 36 years in our permanent Sanctuary, and we will be honoring Allen Appel and Martin Tyberg, mainstays of our Sabbath Services and we will also be remembering members that recently passed away.

This is our major fund raiser of the year and we need all of our congregants to step up with Journal ads either by taking it yourself or by selling ads to surrounding businesses and friends of Beth Ohr and by attending the Gala Celebration.

The funds raised from this event, and particularly the Journal, will help reduce or balance our budget. The membership dues and contributions are greatly appreciated, but we need more. Ads sold to those outside our family bring in much needed funds.

Please note that any congregant that sells \$250.00 in ads (or \$500.00 per couple) can attend the Gala Celebration for **FREE**. So, this is a big win-win. We get ad revenue, and you can attend the Gala Celebration for Free.

The Gala Celebration will start at 11:00 with a program that will include presentations from government officials and the congregation and will be followed by a gala luncheon.

If you need additional information or any assistance, please reach out to me. An ad form is on the next page and can be photocopied, and ad forms are available at the Synagogue.

We thank you and appreciate your support.

Cordially,

Edward Mendlowitz
Committee Chairman

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Congregation Beth Ohr

Journal Ad Form for Gala Celebration

L'Chaim Celebration

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*Place your ad today in the
Souvenir Congratulatory
Journal where your message
will be read by congregants,
friends and contributors and
you will be recognized as
someone that supports
Congregation Beth Ohr!*

**Gala Celebration will take place
Sunday Oct 26th at 11:00 AM
At the Congregation Building**

Journal Ad prices - 8½" x 11" page size.

When submitting your camera-ready ads please allow for margins.
Ads will be in black and white and Journal will be printed in black and white.
Either PDF or JPG formats are acceptable.

Event sponsor	\$1,500.00
Gold supporter	1,000.00
Silver supporter	\$750.00
Full page	\$500.00
Half page (8½ x 5½)	\$275.00
Quarter page (4¼ x 5½)	\$150.00
Business card	\$ 75.00
Congratulatory personal mention	\$ 36.00
In memoriam message	\$ 36.00
Family Jewels (list your children and grandchildren) per name	\$ 18.00

☐ **YES!** Enclosed is my tax deductible contribution to Congregation Beth Ohr of \$_____ for a _____ (specify size) ad in the souvenir journal. Ad copy is attached. (Please attach camera ready copy, if available.) (NOTE: DO NOT STAPLE ads or business cards to this form)

Name _____

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Address _____

City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Ad solicited by _____

Ad deadline October 3, 2025

Send your ad today to

Beth Ohr Journal Ad Committee

c/o Allan Benish

114 Avignon Road

Monroe Township, NJ 08831

Tel: 609.426.8727 Email: abenish@aol.com

Deadline cannot be extended due to Holidays in October

CONDOLENCES

Condolences to Elinor Nadler and her family on the passing of her sister Dolores Ackerman.

THANK YOU

Marty Israel wishes to thank everyone who wished him a speedy recovery.

RITUALLY SPEAKING—SHARE A

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 August. We will celebrate Simcha Shabbat on Saturday, August 09, 2025.

Birthdays		Anniversaries	
<u>Names</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Names</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Morton Kamenitz	August 04	Mr. & Mrs. Laurence Ross	8/11/2025
Ryselle Perlman	August 09	Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Silver	8/14/2025
Sara Ullman	August 10	Mr. & Mrs. Lee Cadel	8/16/2025
Meryl Finkelstein	August 14	Mr. & Mrs. Michael Hillman	8/17/2025
Martin Israel	August 15		
Maxine Kaufman	August 17		
Bonnie Lerner	August 19		
Melvin Brandl	August 20		
Jana (Monica) Blain	August 25		
Harriet Cohen	August 25		
Barry Gray	August 27		
Clifford Shulman	August 27		
Laurence Ross	August 28		
Melvin Feder	August 31		

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 _____

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



August 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.

August 1/2

Pauline Cheney	08/02
Mollie Ray Goldberg	08/02
Jacob Lowenthal	08/02
Victor Sass	08/02
Charles Dondes	08/03
Moses Forgotson	08/03
Nathan Krutoy	08/03
Martin Ricklin	08/03
Evelyn Wallace	08/03
Hyman Altman	08/04
Louis Boshak	08/04
Bertha Fuerth	08/04
Irving Pearlstein	08/04
Emanuel Gottfried	08/05
Stephen Haft	08/05
Carrie Knepper	08/05
Evelyn Lopatkin	08/05
Jonas Zydney	08/05
Max Balaban	08/06
Meyer Feldman	08/06
Anne Laddin	08/06
Israel Nemet	08/06
Clara Gray	08/07
Maurice Halpert	08/07
Fannie Rothstein	08/07
Martin Donenfeld	08/08
Bella Goldstein	08/08
Sally Schwartz	08/08

August 8/9

Jerry Baron	08/09
Rubin Bloness	08/10
Marion Faffer	08/10
Louis Fufeld	08/10
Harry Greenspan	08/10
Harry Levy	08/10
Bernie Pincus	08/10
Bonnie Robbins	08/10
George Zwanziger	08/11
Harry Pekor	08/12
Gertrude Waldman	08/12
Ira Mendlowitz	08/13
Evelyn Besterman	08/14
Edna Kaplan	08/14
Tina Kaplan	08/14
Bert Ladinsky	08/14

August 8/9 Cont.

Blanche Linz	08/15
Harold Lubin	08/15
Bernard Seltzer	08/15

August 15/16

Merril Goshorn	08/16
Philip Weiss	08/16
Morris Wernick	08/16
Arnold Yourman	08/16
Melvyn Belsky	08/17
Eva Bakely	08/18
Delia Bemaman	08/18
Jack Honig	08/18
Ida Polovsky	08/18
Benjamin N. Schenker	08/18
Sylvia Shindelman	08/18
Jack Becker	08/19
Herbert Golden	08/19
Lucille Post	08/19
Ester Atzbi	08/20
Lester Auerbach	08/20
Martha Cohen	08/20
Jean Dennis	08/20
Ruth J. Frankel	08/20
Harold Levenson	08/20
Benjamin Lipschitz	08/20
Ruth Wurtzel	08/20
Hyman Frank	08/21
David Greenberg	08/21
Alexander Kaplan	08/21
Sam Lerner	08/22

August 22/23

Kevin Cloney	08/23
Morris Dauber	08/23
Thelma Lieber	08/23
Edgar Sender	08/23
Claire Goldbaum	08/24
Thelma Scher	08/24
Shirley Baldachino	08/25
Aaron Gross	08/25
Benjamin Kobren	08/26
Norman Rothberg	08/26
Bertha Staff	08/26
Paula Jeret	08/27
Morris Lanzoff	08/27
Mala Rosenblum	08/27

August 22/23 Cont.

Benjamin Shapiro	08/27
Roberta Kagan	08/29
Lenore Linder	08/29
Pearl Weiss	08/29

August 29/30

Sarah Bean	08/30
Abraham Hilfman	08/30
Donald Isaacs	08/30
Sheila Katz	08/30
Beckie Rabinowitz	08/30
Herman Schneider	08/30
Joel Brafman	08/31
Helen Edwards	08/31
Florence Fuchs	08/31
Hannah Heisler	08/31
Ruth Woodman	08/31
Moshe Atzbi	09/01
Hinde Krakowsky	09/01
Mildred Rosenthal	09/01
Julian Scheir	09/01
Larry Wishnia	09/01
Mary Zekser	09/01
David Bernstein	09/02
Regina Deutsch	09/02
Ernest Schottlander	09/02
Jean Seltzer	09/02
Toby Zeidel	09/02
David Cohen	09/03
Harold Hyman	09/03
Minnie Pasco	09/03
Trudy Vollweiler	09/03
Kate Wengrow	09/03
Abraham Morganstein	09/04
Anne Obsatz	09/04
Harriet Rockaway	09/04
Harry Schein	09/04
Helen Fichtenbaum	09/05
Marie Horwath	09/05
Hyman Seidner	09/05
Eleanor Silverman	09/05

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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
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Stanley M. Perlman Memorial Fund
Stuart Polovsky Memorial Fund
Heidi Rogol Memorial Fund

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Ilene & Barry Gray	Roz O'Brien & Aaron Greenstein
Susan & Larry Ross	Dora Ross & Theodore Silverman
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Paula Yourman & Family	Arnold Yourman
Meryl Finkelstein & Family	Clara Gray
Renée Balaban & Family	Max Balaban
Miriam Lubinsky & Family	Max Balaban
Jacquelyn Solomon	Tobey & Stanley Cohen
Melody & Myles Schwartz	Sally Schwartz
Ashna Pincus & Lisa Pincus Clark	Bernie Pincus



Shalom,

We hope everyone is having a nice summer. Included in this Newsletter is a list of upcoming Sisterhood programs and meetings for the coming year. We are looking forward to your participation in these events as our board is working hard on these programs and activities.

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.

Please feel free to contact any member of the Presidium: Monica Atzbi, Barbara Schneider or Liz Aroyo.

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.

HIGH HOLIDAY GREETINGS

If you would like to send Rosh Hashanah/Yom Kippur wishes to the Congregation, please send your names only (+ family if you would like to add to your name) to Harriet Weiss at rmweiss@att.net or call Harriet at 732-679-3826. Please send your \$5.00 check made payable to Sisterhood Congregation Beth Ohr to Harriet at 34 Norman Lane, Old Bridge, NJ 08857, by Friday, September 5, 2025.

Sisterhood 2025-2026 Programs (Dates and times subject to change unless listed as scheduled)

Date	Program
Wed Sept 3, 2025	Bingo for Sisterhood Members 7PM, in-person
Sunday, Oct 26, 2025	Temple Gala 11AM
Sunday, Nov 2, 2025	Paid-up Luncheon at Fred & Murrays, time TBD
Wed, Dec 3, 2025	Zoom Sisterhood Membership Program – TBD
Wed, Jan 14, 2026	Scheduled Zoom Book Author – <i>In The Hands of Women</i> , a novel by Jane Loeb Rubin, 7PM
Saturday, Feb 14, 2025	Sisterhood Shabbat, Parsha <i>Mishpatim</i>
Sun, March 15, 2026	Zoom Joint Program w/Men's Club – TBD
Wed, May 6, 2026	In-person Sisterhood Program, 7PM – TBD
Wed, June 3, 2026	In-person Sisterhood Ice Cream Social, 7PM



Announcing Our 2025-2026 Campaign Theme:

Oseh Shalom
עֲשֵׂה שָׁלוֹם
Maker of Peace

This year's beautiful pin saying *Oseh Shalom*, comes from *Oseh Shalom Bimromav*, "may the One who makes peace in the heavens, make peace for us and all the people of Israel," appears at the end of Kaddish and in other prayers, and is also a song. We help foster Jewish unity by our support of the five global Conservative/Masorti institutes of higher education to help Jewish students become the rabbis, cantors, educators, synagogue administrators, scholars, researchers and lay leaders of tomorrow.

If you are interested in acquiring a pin by becoming a Torah Benefactor for \$180, contact Harriet Rabinowitz at harriet.rabinowi@gmail.com or Lisa Mason at Folgy4@gmail.com Donor credit may be used and other giving levels are available as well.

Your Torah Fund Co-chairs, Harriet and Lisa



SISTERHOOD OF CONGREGATION BETH OHR

ANNUAL DUES STATEMENT

2025 – 2026

TEMPLE MEMBERS \$36

NON-TEMPLE MEMBERS \$45

DONOR CREDIT OF \$5 WILL BE AWARDED TO MEMBERS WHO PAY THEIR DUES ON OR BEFORE WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2025.

MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT REJOINED SISTERHOOD BY DECEMBER 31, 2025 FORFEIT ALL PREVIOUSLY ACCUMULATED DONOR CREDIT.

PLEASE SEND YOUR CHECK TO:

ESTEE SPIEGEL
9 NORTH STREET
OLD BRIDGE, NJ 08857

PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR CURRENT ADDRESS AND YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS. PLEASE ALSO INCLUDE THE PHONE NUMBER WHERE YOU WOULD WANT TO BE REACHED. IF YOU HAVE A WINTER ADDRESS, PLEASE INCLUDE THAT AS WELL.

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

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