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BETH OHR'S ANNUAL GALA WILL BE HELD IN OUR SOCIAL HALL ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2025 AT 11:00 A.M. WE ARE HONORING ALLEN APPEL AND MARTIN TYBERG AND COMMEMORATING 36 YEARS IN OUR PERMANENT SANCTUARY. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL THE SYNAGOGUE OFFICE OR ED MENDLOWITZ.



CONGREGATION BETH OHR

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CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

- October 03 6:18 pm
- October 10 6:07 pm
- October 17 5:56 pm
- October 24 5:46 pm
- October 31 5:37 pm

Edward Mendlowitz Dvar Torah at Shul on Shabbos Shuvah September 27, 2025

שְׁאֵרִית יִשְׂרָאֵל

In 1654 23 Jews landed on the shores of New Amsterdam after an almost 3-month voyage fleeing the Portuguese Inquisition when it reached Recife, Brazil, and then pirates in the Caribbean until they landed in New Amsterdam.

When they landed they were confronted by the bigoted and racist Peter Stuyvesant the Director General of New Netherland, the Dutch colony that included New Amsterdam. Remarkably these impoverished and debt laden Jews requested that Stuyvesant write to his employers in Amsterdam to find out whether they could stay. It makes no sense that he listened to them and wrote that letter.

Months later they were told they could stay and they immediately established themselves as a congregation and called it **Shearith Yisrael** – the Remnant of Israel, words that appears multiple places in the Bible. They also acquired a cemetery and worshipped together in their homes or rented spaces.

Eventually they built a Shul, a permanent sanctuary, in 1730 also named Shearith Yisrael. At 2 West 70th St in Manhattan it is the oldest Jewish congregation in the United States, with roots back to 1654.

Naming their congregation Shearith Yisrael was a declaration of their **Continuity** of the unbroken chain of Judaism, their **Resilience** of remaining faithful despite their loss, exile and persecution, and **Hope** that wherever they were they would make sure Jewish life would flourish.

The words Shearith Yisrael connotes their loss but also the optimism of their purpose of continuity.

At Beth Ohr this week...

Kids were here with their parents or grandparents. 4 generations of Honigs and Ellie also with her brother, and 3 generations of Perlmans. Barbara Schneider and other widows or widowers were here with one of their children or alone, or children were here without their parents. And many that live alone had a place to go to be with friends.

This is because coming to Beth Ohr on the High Holidays has become a way of life and a friendly warm familiar home for them to go to.

We saw friends we think of frequently but only see on the High Holidays.

We are growing old with the unsteadiness of our legs and weakening of our hearing and lessening of the strength of our shoulders. But we all dressed better than we do the rest of the year and we looked great!

And we have a place to go.

I suggest that many that were here would not have been in a Synagogue if Beth Ohr was not here.

We are friends growing old together. And that is a Blessing.

It is also a Blessing that Old Bridge has a Jewish presence. Everyone driving on Route 516 sees the Jewish star on our building which is a tangible symbol of Jewish survival, and We should be proud of that.

We are **Shearith Yisrael** – the remnant of Israel. Not just the ancestors of those 23 Jews in 1654, but the survivors of the first Temple's destruction 2240 years before then that we read about in the Jeremiah's Haftorah a couple of days ago, and also a few hundred years further back to Micah in the 8th Century BCE whose words were read by some Shuls today, and we are the ancestors of the Jews Moses led out of Egypt and through the desert 500 years earlier than that which we read about in today's Torah portion.

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We are participating in keeping Judaism alive, vibrant, current and regardless of the festering Jewish hate that has become widely overt, we are thriving, prospering and continuously making life better for everyone by the overwhelming good that Jews do in science, medicine, health, technology, and every other endeavor that makes life better for the world's people.

We are the **evidence** of G-d's greatness, power and truth.

We need to applaud that we are here. Not regret that our numbers are dwindling, but we should feel Blessed by all that we have been able to do this High Holiday season (and also the rest of the year) for so many of us.

A great big proud Yasher Koach to all of us.

Good Shabbos my friends. My dear friends – all of you.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Friday Night Shabbat Service

6:00 PM via Zoom

October 03, 10, 17, 24, 31

Saturday Shabbat Service

9:30 AM in the Sanctuary

October 04, 11, 18, 25

Sunday Morning Service

9:00 AM in the Sanctuary

October 05, 12, 19

CONTACT RABBI MISHKIN

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941-518-8864, after hours for emergencies

By email : rabbijoelmishkin@gmail.com

On-Going Synagogue Fund Raiser

Getting company and don't know what to serve?

Extra company coming and need to add to your menu?

Don't forget that any time you buy from Fred and Murray's Deli on Route 9, Beth Ohr earns 10%.

HONOR OUR VETERANS

Honor veterans for Veterans Day. Marty Israel is collecting the following items: toothbrushes, toothpaste, disposable razors, sample size cans of shaving cream, lip balm, deodorants. He will bring all collected items to the State commander of Jewish War Veterans in late October. Please bring what you can to the Gala on October 26 or to the Synagogue office.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline to submit items for the November Newsletter is Friday, October 24, 2025. Please email your articles to Meryl on or before that date.

CONDOLENCES

Condolences to the family of Harriett Feld

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 September. We will celebrate Simcha Shabbat on Saturday, October 18, 2025.

<u>Birthdays</u>		<u>Anniversaries</u>	
<u>Names</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Names</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Mark Chassen	10/2/2025	Mr. and Mrs. Peter Polovsky	10/8/2025—30 years
Herbert Goldenberg	10/2/2025		
Andrew Mendlowitz	10/2/2025		
Michael Aroyo	10/3/2025		
Philip Rabinowitz	10/11/2025		
Stuart Rizick	10/18/2025		
Meryl Polovsky	10/21/2025		
Rochelle Boshak	10/24/2025		
Marilyn Gilbarg	10/24/2025		
Harold Koppel	10/26/2025		
Mark Atzbi	10/31/2025		
Barbara Schneider	10/31/2025		
Robert Szegeti	10/31/2025		

B'NAI MITZVOT

The Ritual Committee is excited to announce that Ali Bryn and Noah Eli Yourman will be celebrating their B'Nai Mitzvah in our sanctuary on Saturday, October 25, 2025. They are the children of Jason and Jennifer Yourman and grandchildren of Edna Yourman and the late Arnold Yourman.

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

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.

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 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.

Oct 26: No Minyan. Come to the **Gala Celebration Event starting at 11:00 am**

Nov 9: Sisterhood / Men's Club Joint program. The speaker is **Adam Greitzer**, an American that was on a special mission to Israel organized by Israeli Embassy Staff member Sarah Lynn Milgrim who was subsequently killed in Washington DC. He was in Israel during the bombing of Iran's Nuclear facilities, and he will share his experiences during that period.

Dec 7: Men's Club Sydney Lustgarten Mensch Award

Dec 28, 2025: Men's Club New Year's Pancake Breakfast

Jan 11, 2026: Men's Club Special Program

Feb 8: Men's Club Ed Mendlowitz 46th Annual Financial Program. Topic TBA. FJMC World Wide Wrap

Mar 15: Sisterhood / Men's Club Joint program. Sponsored by Herman and Frieda Lipp Memorial Fund in memory of Barbara and Bob Lipp. Program TBA.

Mar 29: Men's Club Passover Family Traditions Program

Apr 1: Siyum for First Born

Jun 4: Men's Club BBQ and Election

Jun 7: Men's Club Installation

Jun 28: Men's Club Red White and Blue Pancake Breakfast

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

Some interesting T Shirts at our Minyans. Marty Israel, Harriet Rabinowitz and David Honig.



Men's Club Activities & Beth Ohr Photos

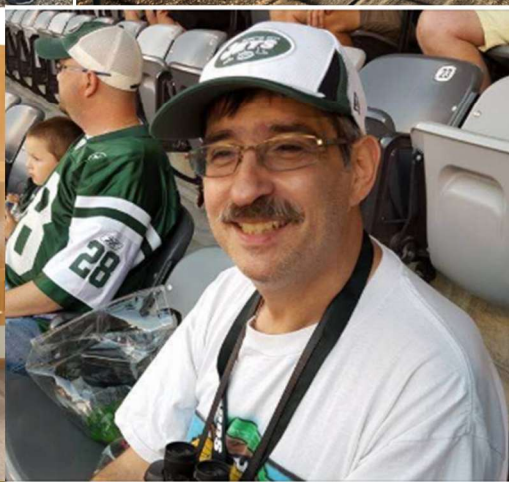


Photo Descriptions

Top: Sukkah crew. They got it up!!! Before and after photos: David Honig, Jeff Perlman, Friend of Beth Ohr Brian Ebeling, Phil Rabinowitz, Chuck Rogol, Mark Karpel, Andy Mendlowitz and Mel Brandl (not in 1st photo).

2nd row: Mel Brandl on ladder. Chuck, Morty and Phil changing Torah and Ark covers, Barry Gary at a prior Jets game. Sign welcoming Cantor Molly May.

3rd row: Ed with David Rubenstein, primary owner of the Baltimore Orioles in the owners' box at Camden Yards. Andy at that same game. Liz and Mike Aroyo at Ross and Rebecca's wedding. Mazel Tov!