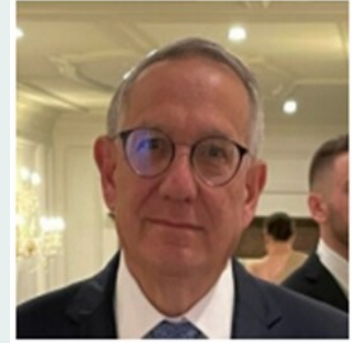




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# OHR BITS

The Rabbi's Corner

April 2026

Although this article appears in our April newsletter, I am excited to tell you about our annual Scholar in Residence Shabbat that will take place on May 2, 2026. I wanted to be sure you have timely notice of this important and meaningful upcoming program.

I am so pleased that our adult education committee has invited Rabbi Robyn Frisch to our congregation. Rabbi Frisch served for twelve years as a national leader at an organization called 18Doors, (formerly known as *InterfaithFamily*), where she worked to strengthen Jewish life in interfaith families and to help Jewish communities thoughtfully engage interfaith couples and families.

She was formerly the Director of InterfaithFamily/Philadelphia, counseling interfaith couples and families and teaching synagogue, Federation, camp, and communal professionals about interfaith inclusion. Rabbi Frisch is the spiritual leader of Temple Menorah Knesset Chai in Northeast Philadelphia. She is also trained in pet loss grief counseling and offers workshops and individual counseling for those navigating the loss of a beloved pet.

For our Shabbat program, Rabbi Frisch's topic will be "Interfaith Marriage in Jewish Tradition: Text, Tension and Today." She will explore what the Bible, rabbinic tradition, and modern Jewish thinkers have said about interfaith relationships and will engage us in an honest and thoughtful conversation about what Jewish continuity means in our time. We are living in an age when Jewish identity is shaped by choice as much as inheritance and the way that we respond to interfaith families affects each and every one of us. Regardless of whether you are personally navigating interfaith family dynamics, or simply care deeply about the future of the Jewish community, this session will offer us depth, nuance, and opportunity for a thoughtful, honest, and meaningful discussion. I hope that you will make every effort to be with us for Rabbi Frisch's presentation on May 2, 2026. It promises to be a very significant opportunity for our Synagogue.

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### CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

- April 03 7:06 pm
- April 10 7:13 pm
- April 17 7:20 pm
- April 24 7:28 pm

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Rabbi Frisch is the spouse of Rabbi Seth Frisch, one of our past scholars-in-residence. She is the proud mother of three children, a daughter-in-law, and a cherished granddaughter—and is also the devoted owner of a rescue mutt named Frankie.

We thank the Heidi Rogol Memorial Fund for sponsoring this important program. I look forward to seeing you on that Shabbat!

\* For the complete schedule of Passover services, please see page 4

### **SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

#### **Friday Night Shabbat Service**

6:00 PM via Zoom  
April 03, 10, 17, 24

#### **Saturday Shabbat Service**

9:30 AM in the Sanctuary  
April 04, 11, 18, 25

#### **Sunday Morning Service**

9:00 AM in the Sanctuary

### **CONTACT RABBI MISHKIN**

**Office:** 732-257-1523, option 2

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 Murry's Deli on Rte. 9, Beth Ohr earns 10%.

**A little extra chopped liver couldn't hurt!**

### **Newsletter Deadline**

The deadline to submit items May's Newsletter is Thursday, April 23, 2026.

Please email your articles to Meryl on or before that date.

## **PERL'S OF WISDOM** by Jeff Perlman

### From the President's Desk

Probably the most widely celebrated holiday by Jews of all denominations and levels of observance is Passover. In my family both seder nights are run in my house with somewhere between 15 to 22 lunatics, I mean people, depending on the night. Many in the family stay for the week, making for a chaotic and wonderful experience. (I do hide away occasionally to help maintain my own sanity).



Over the years we've gone through various versions of the Haggadah, originating with the Maxwell House version and making our way to The Family Haggadah and finally to the New Traditional Egalitarian Passover Haggadah. The latter version is probably the most readable but personally I miss the old Maxwell House version with all the wine stains. We've also decreased the number of Hebrew readings to keep the kids, and maybe the adults, more involved and interested. Whatever the version, it's always telling when we get to the verse which reads, "For not only one enemy has risen against us to annihilate us, but in every generation, they rise against us to annihilate us. But the Holy One, who is blessed, rescues us from their hands". And so, here we are today. The more things change, the more they stay the same.

As we are preparing now for Passover, my brother-in-law just commented that over the last 103 years only three people in the family have led the seder. Handed down from grandfather, to father, to son. And why is this? Well, it's tradition. And speaking of tradition, the Main Street Theater Company will present Fiddler on the Roof. (Cue music). Beth Ohr has reserved seats for members for Sunday, May 3, 2026, at 3 PM. Please RSVP to Linda Benish. And please see our weekly announcements regarding our Scholar in Residence Shabbat on May 2 welcoming Rabbi Robyn Frisch.

So, let's recall maybe one of the most important paragraphs we read beginning, "In every generation each of us is obligated to feel as though we personally took part in the exodus from Egypt, as it is written ....". This paragraph has always been saved for our special family members over the years.

May we all be redeemed, May the Eternal take us to the land which He had promised to our ancestors.

**Shalom**

**A Zissen Pesach**

## **PASSOVER INFORMATION, 2026**

Wednesday, April 01 – Morning Service & Siyam for the first born in the Sanctuary, 8:00 am

Wednesday, April 01 – You may eat Chametz until 10:47 am

Wednesday, April 01 – First Seder, candle lighting at 7:04 pm

Thursday, April 02 – Pesach Service in the Sanctuary 9:30 am

Thursday, April 02 – Second Seder, candle lighting at 8:04 pm

Friday, April 03 – Pesach Service in the Sanctuary 9:30 am

Friday, April 03 – Friday evening Shabbat services via Zoom 6:00 pm

Saturday, April 04– Saturday morning Shabbat services in the Sanctuary 9:30 am

Sunday, April 05 – Sunday morning services in the Sanctuary 9:00 am

Tuesday, April 07 – Candle lighting at 7:10 pm

Wednesday, April 08 – Pesach Service in the Sanctuary 9:30 am

Wednesday, April 08 – Candle lighting at 8:11 pm

Thursday, April 09 – Pesach Service & Yizkor in the Sanctuary 9:30 am

Thursday, April 09 – You may eat Chametz after 8:30 pm

Friday April 10 – Friday evening Shabbat services via Zoom 6:00 pm

Saturday, April 11 – Yom Hashoah program at Saturday morning Shabbat services in the Sanctuary 9:30 am

## SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM RABBI MISHKIN

Dear Congregants,

For many years, the Daytimers was a very important part of congregational life for Congregation Beth Ohr. Due to the challenges of the pandemic and the passing of our wonderful member, Ira Donenfeld, of blessed memory, who along with Linda Skupp selflessly chaired this group - the Daytimers finally ended.

In response to the need for social activities among our congregants, we are offering a luncheon at Fred and Murry's on Wednesday, April 22nd.

I wanted to have the chance to just get together with those members who might like to share in conversation and a good deli sandwich.

So along with Lisa Clark, I am inviting you to take a couple of hours out of your day to sit down and break bread not Matzah (Passover will be a recent memory).

### Let's Have Lunch And Catch Up with Old Friends!

Wednesday, April 22, 2026 at Noon



4345 US Highway 9 • Pond Road Plaza • Freehold, NJ 07728

**\$25 (Tax and Tip included)**

Simply bring this amount with you to Fred & Murry's on the day of the lunch

#### Lunch Includes:

One Deli Order + Side  
Beverage + Dessert

#### SELECT FROM ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES

##### Sandwiches

###### Choice of:

Pastrami • Corned Beef • Roast Beef • Turkey • Brisket • Salami

##### Hot Open Platter

###### Choice of:

Brisket • Roast Beef • Turkey  
SLICED WITH GRAVY

##### Roast Chicken

###### Choice of:

Half Roasted • Empire Chicken  
SLICED WITH NATURAL JUICES

##### Salad Platter

###### Choice of:

Tuna • Egg • Chicken • Whitefish  
SERVED OVER GARDEN SALAD

**RSVP deadline: April 12, 2026**

**RSVP to Lisa Pincus Clark**

Email: LLPC27@gmail.com

Text or call / questions: 1.732.580.7257

## Yahrzeit Donations

We acknowledge the following for their contributions.

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### Baruch Dayan HaEmet

We Extend Our Heartfelt Condolences To:

Saul Nadler & his family on the passing of his wife, Elinor Nadler  
Lawrence Weintraub & his family on the passing of his sister, Marcia Korn

## April 2026 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

		<u>April 10/11</u>	<u>Cont.</u>	<u>April 17/18</u>	<u>Cont.</u>	<u>April 24/25</u>	<u>Cont.</u>
<u>April 03/04</u>		Anna Polansky	04/11	Norman Sweig	04/20	Alan Oshinsky	04/27
Sheila Kirschner	04/04	Ceil Rosenthal	04/11	Arthur Ullman	04/20	Louis Rothlin	04/27
Leonard Nightingale	04/04	Lena Weiss	04/11	Marion Weintraub	04/20	Frank Hecht	04/28
Della Pollack	04/04	Yetta Chekofsky	04/12	Lilly Weisz Gelb	04/20	Sally Marshall	04/28
Anna Rosenfeld	04/04	Violet Davidowitz	04/12	Jacob Joseph Wilpon	04/20	Harry Meislick	04/28
Ida Schulsinger	04/04	Michael Ebenstein	04/12	Iris Wolfe	04/20	Anna Rosenthal-Charoff	04/28
Ralph Wurtzel	04/04	Susan Goldenberg	04/12	Marcia Erlich	04/21	Samuel Smith	04/28
Harold Nadler	04/05	Joshua Weissman	04/12	Harriet Glassman	04/21	Doris Springer	04/28
Pearl Shapiro	04/05	Yette Ribet	04/13	Barbara Kleiman	04/21	Sidney Birnbaum	04/29
Paul Singer	04/05	David Rosenberg	04/13	Stuart Polovsky	04/21	Julius Kaplan	04/29
Henry Vollweiler	04/05	Stanley Silberstein	04/13	Kurt Schiller	04/21	Carolyn Lanzoff	04/29
Samuel Weiner	04/05	Rhoda Tash	04/13	Jack Willins	04/21	Lee Myra Schuman	04/29
Frances Dashevsky	04/06	Seymour Weinman	04/13	Harold Karpel	04/22	Louis Aroyo	04/30
Angela Dubin	04/06	Gizela Brody	04/14	Mary Schechtman	04/22	Sylvia Karpel	04/30
Leo Drabin	04/07	Mollie Rothberg	04/14	Eve Schnitzer	04/22	Sidney Krantz	04/30
Arlene Golden	04/07	Bert Adler	04/15	Monroe Schnitzer	04/22	Jack Yeskel	04/30
Syd Hillman	04/07	Aaron Kanter	04/15	Isaac Bemaman	04/23	Louis Schultz	05/01
Abraham Kagan	04/07	Morris Brown	04/16	Benjamin Heisler	04/23	Morris Strauss	05/01
Emma Weisgold	04/07	Jules Linder	04/16	Maria Kushnir	04/23		
Seymour Philips	04/08	Stuart Simon	04/16	Aaron Levenstein	04/23		
Arlene Sommers	04/08	Marta Adler	04/17	Gertrude Margolin	04/24		
Rudolph Carl Kaiser	04/09	Barry Geller	04/17	Louis Platman	04/24		
Brianne Jaclyn Perlmán	04/09	Marvin Lafazan	04/17	Sol Yourman	04/24		
Morris Kuritsky	04/10	Sophie Perlin	04/17				
Ruth Rothlin	04/10	Jacob Podol	04/17	<u>April 24/25</u>			
		Belle Shumer	04/17	Thelma Rothstein	04/25		
<u>April 10/11</u>		Anne Skupp	04/17	Helen Yourman	04/25		
Morris Hyman	04/11	<u>April 17/18</u>		Arebell Gordon	04/26		
Ralph Krause	04/11	Dalia Goldhecht	04/18	Pauline Salstein	04/26		
Alice Lanzoff	04/11	Harris Goldstein	04/18	Abraham Schneider	04/26		
Toby Maness	04/11	Joseph Maness	04/19	Susan Slobodien	04/26		
Rae Perzley	04/11	Anna Goldberg	04/20	Benjamin Chancy	04/27		

## **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

### **Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**

Donation from Meryl Finkelstein

### **David Benish Memorial Fund**

Donation from Maxine Kaufman in memory of Kenneth Kaufman

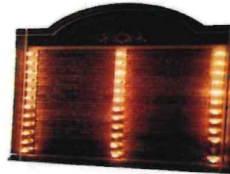
### **Stanley M. Perlman Memorial Fund**

Donation from Lisa Mason

### **Heidi Rogol Memorial Fund**

Donation from Chuck Rogol on Heidi's Yahrzeit

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)

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(Print Name in English Here)

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**PLEDGE**

I hereby authorize you to supply and maintain permanently on your Memorial Tablet, a name plate *in memory of*

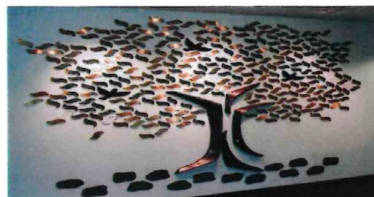
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for which I agree to pay \$325. It is mutually agreed that each year, on the Yahrzeit of the departed, and on other appropriate occasions in accordance with Jewish custom a Memorial Prayer will also be said.

Signed by \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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



## PROGRAM "BITS"

HURRAY, IT'S SPRING

WHAT A WEEKEND!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR WITH THESE DATES:

Saturday, May 2 and Sunday May 3

We are very excited to start the weekend with our scholar-in-residence Shabbat! **Saturday, MAY 2**, welcome Rabbi Robyn Frisch, who will join us for services and a delicious lunch. After praying, noshing, and schmoozing, we will be able to do some learning as Rabbi Frisch shares some of her extensive knowledge on the subject of

### **Interfaith Marriage in Jewish Tradition: Text, Tension, and Today**

Rabbi Frisch says:

"Whether you are personally navigating interfaith family dynamics or simply care about the future of the Jewish community, this session will offer depth, nuance, and space for meaningful discussion."

As you read in Rabbi Mishkin's article, Rabbi Robyn has a fabulous background with much information to share.

JOIN US FOR THIS WONDERFUL EVENT! Cost for lunch will be \$15.

RSVP to Linda Benish or Meryl at the office.

### **THEN IT'S ON TO SUNDAY!**

Then join us for a little TRADITION! As the Main Street Theater Company presents **FIDDLER ON THE ROOF at 3:00 p.m.** We have reserved seats for Beth Ohr members for **Sunday, MAY 3** at the special price of \$20 per person. Come and see the wonderful play and hear the familiar songs we all love. RSVP to Linda.

RSVP Linda Benish 609-426-8727 or [palinda@aol.com](mailto:palinda@aol.com) or Meryl at the office 732-257-1523

## THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone for your kind messages, contributions to Sisterhood and Gold Cards in memory of my beloved brother, Bernard Sakaroff. It truly means so much to me. I am also deeply grateful to those who came to services and Shiva, and to Rabbi Mishkin for reaching out and being there with such care and support. I sincerely appreciate and am so thankful for all of your kindness and compassion.

Marilyn & Morty Kamenitz & Family

A heartfelt thank you to everyone at Congregation Beth Ohr for your kind condolences on the passing of my sister, Marcia Korn. Your support and thoughtfulness mean a great deal to me.

Larry Weintraub

## 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 April. We will celebrate Simcha Shabbat on Saturday, April 11, 2026.

### Birthdays

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Robert Simon	April 01
Joseph Shafran	April 03
Benjamin Levine	April 13
Linda Benish	April 14
Gail Rizick	April 14
Marc Huguenin	April 17
Raymond Tessier	April 17
Beverly Mishkin	April 21
Harvey Cohen	April 24
Rabbi Joel Mishkin	April 25
Lisa Clark	April 27
Pearl Hillman	April 29

## GOOD NEWS

Barbara Schneider proudly announces the engagement of her granddaughter Alanna Flores to Zack Shrem. Parents are Julie and Rick Flores.



Thank you for supporting the Congregation Beth Ohr Adult Education Programs, High Holiday Babysitting and the Kosher Food Pantry of Jewish Family Services of Middlesex County with your Purim Basket Donation.

### **2026 Shalach Manot Contributors**

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Shalom,

Passover is just a few days away and Spring is here. We wish everyone a Zissen Pesach, a sweet and joyous Passover!

Our April Sisterhood board meeting will be held on Zoom.

We are looking forward to our Ice Cream Social on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Scrip is available at the Temple office from Meryl. Please contact her ahead of time to expect you. Also, please note that Acme scrip is back in inventory for purchase. Of course, scrip is also available from Monica Atzbi, Sharen Silverman, and 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.

If you have any questions on your donor credit, please contact the following:

Ilene Gray A-K [ileneg22@comcast.net](mailto:ileneg22@comcast.net)

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

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

Or, call Meryl in the office 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 her at [merylrob@aol.com](mailto:merylrob@aol.com) or call her at 732-679-8701.