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The Rabbi's Corner by Rabbi Joel Mishkin

An Appreciation for "Our Nation's Finest"

One of the great privileges of being a rabbi is the opportunity to be with families following the loss of a loved one. Fortunately, throughout my professional life I have had the chance to perform this sacred duty for countless families. Recently I officiated at the funeral service for a remarkable man. His name was Seymour Lipper and his biography is worth remembering.

Seymour was born ninety-nine years ago in Orange, New Jersey. He was a lifelong student beginning his educational journey at the Bronx School of Science. From there he attended New York University and went on to have a successful career in consumer electronics. He rose to the position of president of the APF Consumer Electronics Company that specialized in the manufacturing of small computers and calculators. Seymour went on to work with Steve Jobs during his illustrious career. However, even with this remarkable background, what truly distinguished Mr. Lipper was his uncommon valor and courage. You see, Mr. Lipper was an infantryman who fought in both the Battle of the Bulge and the Battle of Ardenne, and while he never looked for accolades or honors, he was a distinguished serviceman who honored our country with his dedicated and selfless service. Mr. Lipper passed away a few weeks before his hundredth birthday and his funeral was attended by well over one hundred people, including many war veterans who were there to acknowledge his great sacrifice for our nation.

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CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

- March 06 5:36 pm
- March 13 6:44 pm
- March 20 6:51 pm
- March 27 6:59 pm

Truthfully, Seymour is one of the last of those who have been called the “Greatest Generation,” men and women who served our nation selflessly and dedicated their lives for the preservation of the principles we cherish to this day. In many ways, his life story actually reminded me of one our own congregants, Seymour Nussenbaum, another remarkably talented and resourceful soldier who participated in the Second World War as a member of the Ghost Army.

As I think of these dedicated individuals, I can only give thanks that there are still, to this day, men and women of that same caliber who are devoted to keeping us safe and sound in these challenging times. As we face the prospect of yet another significant challenge in our nation’s history with the bombing of Iran, we can only give thanks to the courageous men and women who willingly put their lives on the line to protect our nation’s interest. We cannot thank them enough for their selfless service in the days ahead.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Friday Night Shabbat Service

6:00 PM via Zoom

March 06, 13, 20, 27

Saturday Shabbat Service

9:30 AM in the Sanctuary

March 07, 14, 21, 28

Sunday Morning Service

9:00 AM in the Sanctuary

March 01, 08, 15, 22, 29

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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 for April’s Newsletter is Tuesday, March 24, 2026.

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

PERL'S OF WISDOM by Jeff Perlman

From the President's Desk

In last month's newsletter I said that I would be thrilled if we filled the sanctuary for the Sisterhood Shabbat. Well, I was thrilled. Though I didn't take an exact count, I believe we had about 40 congregants. And the Sisterhood did a wonderful job. It was something.

What would you think if I sang out of tune, would you stand up and walk out on me? Nobody walked out on February 21st as our Torah reader, Larry Epstein, led Shacharit and read Torah.



His voice is lovely. I'm hoping we can work it out to have him as our next High Holiday Cantor. All I know, in my life, the last few years has been a long and winding road in securing a Holiday Cantor.

Purim is here! Tuesday March 3rd. Please come twist and shout and celebrate Tuesday morning with an old-fashioned Purim Spiel. Come help make the holiday come to life. What would you think if I sang out of tune, would you stand up and walk out on me? And Passover is not far behind. Imagine, before we know it, spring will be here; and the blackbird will be singing in the dead of night- here, there, and everywhere. Here comes the sun; and soon we'll be wandering through strawberry fields.

So please help. Don't let me down. Give me love and let's all come together for each Shabbat and get back to where you once belonged. I know I will.

Yesterday is gone. Let it be the start of something great.

Chag Purim Sameach

A Zissen Pesach

Shalom

Yahrzeit Donations

We acknowledge the following for their contributions.

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Baruch Dayan HaEmet

We Extend Our Heartfelt Condolences To Marilyn Kamenitz And Her Family On
The Passing Of Her Beloved Brother, Bernard Sackaroff

March 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 bold print.

		<u>February</u>		<u>March 6/7</u>	<u>Cont.</u>	<u>March 13/14</u>	<u>Cont.</u>	<u>March 20/21</u>	<u>Cont.</u>	<u>March 27/28</u>	
February 27/28		27/28	Cont.								
Max Berkowitz	02/28	Samuel Waldman	03/03	Helen Deitz	03/10	Vivian Berkley	03/15	Max Rothenberg	03/21	Solomon Coffina	03/28
David Betesh	02/28	Joseph Ackerman	03/04	Jack Dlugash	03/10	Fannie Cohen	03/15	Ben Spinner	03/21	Barbara Geller	03/28
Martha Blumenthal	02/28	Jakub Grynberg	03/04	Esther Egers	03/10	Paul Feinman	03/15	Arthur Barry	03/22	Rose Kantrowitz	03/28
Alvin Levine	02/28	Isadore Jaffe	03/04	Fannie Feldman	03/10	Anna Nussenbaum	03/15	Blanche Baumann	03/22	Marcia Rothman	03/28
Max Post	02/28	Pearl Marshall	03/04	Miles Halpert	03/10	Dorothy Philips	03/15	Richard Ellner	03/22	Abraham J. Perlman	03/29
Harry Schwarzwald	02/28	Joy Rothlin	03/04	Lori Maiorana	03/10	Rochelle Blair	03/16	Eleanor Mansfield	03/22	Marvin Smith	03/29
Lillian Silverman	02/28	Mildred Berman	03/05	Simeon Fishman	03/11	Charles Chencinski	03/16	Ellen Mendlowitz	03/22	Mark Weiss	03/29
Saul Steinklein	02/28	Joseph Druckman	03/05	Zelda Gaizband	03/11	Debbie Gold	03/16	Martin Schectman	03/22	Marie Bloshasse	03/30
Harold Berman	03/01	Louis Lubin	03/05	Marilyn Karlstein	03/11	Robert Himelstein	03/16	Abraham Cohen	03/23	Robert Cohen	03/30
Sherman Ellis	03/01	Frieda Schwartz	03/05	Paul Katz	03/11	Barbara Klein	03/16	Sam Fichtenbaum	03/23	Philip Judd	03/30
Libbie Gorsky	03/01	Kate Werkheiser	03/05	Kenneth Kaufman	03/11	Carl Karp	03/17	Sandra Kurtzman	03/23	Morris Wishnia	03/30
Ethel Heimlich	03/01	Elaine Jarvis	03/06	Lillian Kessler	03/11	Dorothy Meisner	03/17	Morrison Cohen	03/23	Leonora Cohen	03/30
Sam Hochheiser	03/01	Esther Narol	03/06	Minnie Reiser	03/11	Jeffrey Nadler	03/17	Pauline Feld	03/24	Sven Ibsen	03/31
Albert Kornberg	03/01	Marilyn Riley	03/06	Pola Schaffer	03/11	Solomon Postelnik	03/17	Sven Ibsen	03/24	Regina Shulman	03/31
Benjamin Levine	03/01	Gerard Wolff	03/06	Moses Faffer	03/12	Samuel Rabinowitz	03/17	Regina Shulman	03/24	Steve Silverberg	03/31
Luba Lurman	03/01	March 6/7		Arnold Freedman	03/12	Jonas Deitz	03/18	Steve Silverberg	03/24	Hyman Belsky	03/31
Myrtle Lynn	03/01	Sylvia Boshak	03/07	Sanford Rothman	03/12	Rose Kushner	03/18	Hyman Belsky	03/25	Seymour Branner	03/31
Max Reinhartz	03/01	Werner Braunsberg	03/07	Philip Schweidel	03/12	Goldie Lesser	03/18	Seymour Branner	03/25	Mary Cederbaum	03/31
Silas N. Sham	03/01	Stephen David Edwards	03/07	Roslyn Suriff	03/12	David Richman	03/18	Mary Cederbaum	03/25	Cynthia Deitz	03/31
Esther Fantelli	03/02	Edward Abramson	03/08	David Weisenberg	03/12	Miriam Rosenthal	03/18	Cynthia Deitz	03/25	Nathan Gavrin	03/31
David Klein	03/02	Anna Altscher	03/08	Mollie Borenstein	03/13	Ira Zimmerman	03/18	Nathan Gavrin	03/25	Isadore Gerenstein	04/01
David Schoenfeld	03/02	Abraham Honig	03/08	Borenstein	03/13	Ida Zimmerman	03/18	Isadore Gerenstein	03/25	Heidi Rogol	04/01
David Weissberg	03/02	Alexander Linz	03/08	Howard Chassen	03/13	Julius Edwards	03/19	Heidi Rogol	03/25	Jean Cohen	04/01
Rose Winters	03/02	Herman Lipp	03/08	Eliazer German	03/13	Israel Forgotson	03/19	Jean Cohen	03/26	Esther Friedman	04/02
Harry Davidowitz	03/03	Sura Rivkah Polovsky	03/08	Bernard Levy	03/13	David Vassi	03/19	Esther Friedman	03/26	Morris Jacobs	04/02
William Donenfeld	03/03	Barbara Steinklein	03/08	Eva Pakhmanov	03/13	Dorothy Blumenfeld	03/20	Morris Jacobs	03/26	Martha Sender	04/02
Ruth Frank	03/03	Morris DeMayo	03/09	Morris Zekser	03/13	Edith Donenfeld	03/20	Martha Sender	03/26	Louis Zolotin	04/02
Herman Lieber	03/03	Fred Fritz	03/09	March 13/14		March 20/21		Louis Zolotin	03/26	Eugene Berko	04/03
Philip Markiewicz	03/03	Freud	03/09	Nathan	03/14	Harry Burstein	03/21	Eugene Berko	03/27	Felice Jeidel	04/03
Max Strauss	03/03	Goldie Mark	03/09	Esther German	03/14	Sidney Davis	03/21	Felice Jeidel	03/27	Miriam Schwarzwald	04/03
		Seymour Risman	03/09	Alex Jankovitz	03/14	Eleanor Gray	03/21	Miriam Schwarzwald	03/27	Zlota Shvedova	04/03
		Rose Sklar	03/09	Henrietta Schochetman	03/14	Seymour (CY) Levine	03/21	Zlota Shvedova	03/27	Leo Ullmann	04/03
		Bernard H. Cadel	03/10								

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
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Elaine Leibowitz Memorial Fund
Herman & Frieda Lipp Memorial Fund
Stanley M. Perlman Memorial Fund
Stuart Polovsky Memorial Fund
Heidi Rogol Memorial Fund

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Donation from Ellie Honig in loving memory of Vera Nussenbaum's Yahrzeit

Donation from Harriet & Phil Rabinowitz in memory of Eugene Bernstein

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Donation from Ed & Ruth Lubitz in memory of Rosalie Lubitz's Yahrzeit

Herman & Frieda Lipp Memorial Fund

Donation from Harriet & Phil Rabinowitz & Family in memory of Shirley Chassen

Stanley M. Perlman Memorial Fund

Donation from Lisa Mason in memory of Stan Perlman, Karen Belsky, Danny Belsky & Barbara Klein

Heidi Rogol Memorial Fund

Donation from Judith Insinga

Donation from Ashna Pincus

Donation from Lisa Clark

PROGRAM “BITS”

WHAT A WEEKEND!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!

IT'S ALMOST SPRING!

We are very excited that this spring brings us 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

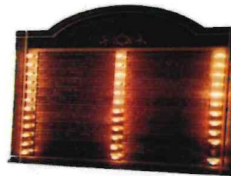
Rabbi Frisch says:

“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.”

JOIN US FOR THIS WONDERFUL EVENT! Cost for lunch will be \$15. RSVP to Linda Benish at 609-426-8727 or palinda@aol.com.

Then join us for a little TRADITION! As the Main Street Theater Company presents **FIDDLER ON THE ROOF**. 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 Benish at 609-426-8727 or palinda@aol.com.

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*

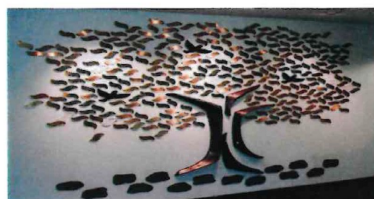
NAME IN FULL _____

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



THANK YOU

Ed Mendlowitz thanks everyone with their well wishes with their contributions to Sisterhood, Gold Cards, and emails. It was much appreciated. Thanks to Paula for a stupendous job with the classy certificate.

Thank you to everyone who sent cards, planted trees, came to Shiva, and reached out with calls and messages. The outpouring of love and support was overwhelming — and so deeply needed and appreciated. We are truly a family, and the Temple community continues to check on me, which means more than words can say. I am so grateful. A special thank you to all who brought food and helped sustain us during this difficult time; and to our Rabbi, who always goes above and beyond with compassion and care. With heartfelt thanks,
The Family of Eugene Bernstein

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 March. We will celebrate Simcha Shabbat on Saturday, March 14, 2026.

Birthdays

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Alice Honig	March 02
Lisa Mason	March 04
Peter Polovsky	March 07
Eloise Honig	March 11
Howard Honig	March 11
Samuel Silver	March 22
Elinor Nadler	March 26
Suzanne Edwards	March 27
Roberta Fachler	March 27
Edward Mendlowitz	March 28



Shalom,

We hope everyone is staying warm and healthy during the recent cold and snowy weather.

Passover is just a few weeks away and hopefully so is Spring weather.

Our Sisterhood Shabbat, held on February 14th, was a wonderful success. We are deeply grateful to Harriet Rabinowitz and Lisa Mason for their hard work and dedication in making this service so meaningful. We also sincerely appreciate the participation of our members in the service, as well as everyone who helped prepare and contribute to the kiddush.

Our joint program with the Men's Club scheduled for March 15th has been postponed to a later date. We will share updates as soon as they become available.

Our next Sisterhood Board Meeting is scheduled for March 18th.

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

Liz Aroyo L-Z 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 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.

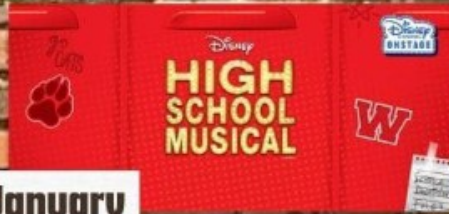
If you want a message to go out, please let me know, as I will not send anything out that comes to me second hand; it needs to come directly from you.

ADDITIONAL DONATIONS AND HIGH HOLIDAY MACHZORS

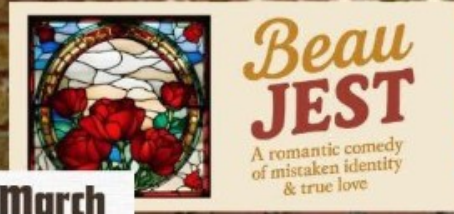
Donations in memory of, or to honor someone, can be made to Sisterhood, Congregation Beth Ohr. Please send your donation to: Meryl Finkelstein, 234 Community Circle, Old Bridge, NJ 08857.

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 her at merylrob@aol.com or call her at 732-679-8701.

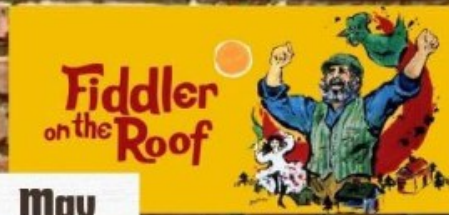
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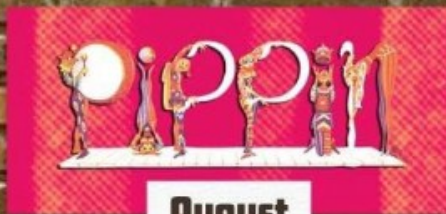
March



May



July



August



October



December

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 and some also on Zoom.

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

Coming attractions Programs subject to change

Weekly: One Minute Dvar Torah emailed every Thursday.

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

Mar 29: Men's Club Passover Family Traditions Program

Apr 1: Siyum for First Born

Apr 14: Yom Hashoah starts eve of the 13th and on the 14th. **Yellow Candles to be distributed to all Congregants beforehand**

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 Learning Opportunities



Led by **Rabbi Joel Mishkin**

11:00 every Wednesday on Zoom

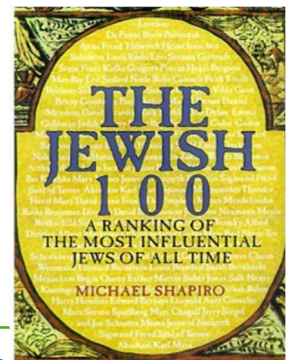
The Jews in the Wilderness on their Journey

A study of the Book of Numbers

Led by **Linda Benish**

11:00 every Thursday on Zoom

A weekly discussion of one of Michael Shapiro's Jewish 100



There is a lot going on at Beth Ohr. Join in the fun and participate.
This includes services in the Shul every Saturday and Sunday.

Beth Ohr Photo Gallery



Photo descriptions

Top: Lisa Mason in Shul kitchen Friday before Sisterhood Shabbat to setup goodies that were provided.

Harvey Cohen at ROMEOS on Facetime with Ed.

Roberta Karpel and Liz Aroyo in Sunny Florida.

2nd: Harriet and Bob Weiss on a winter cruise. Alice Honig with Sarah in AI generated caricature. Adam Sandler and Gal Gadot in Eretz Yisrael.

3rd. Beautiful painting by Harrison Huguenin, son of Lisa and Marc and grandson of Ginny Zussman.