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# OHR BITS

## Rabbi's Message: Some Wintry Thoughts from Your Rabbi

As the weather begins to get much colder and more inclement, I have noticed an increase in our attendance for Friday evening services via zoom. I am so pleased that this seems to be an appropriate choice for many of our members and I am grateful to the new set of volunteers who are helping to bring us the service. For far too long we have only had a small group who have been willing to run the service and our request was answered and that is great! Speaking of requests, I would also like to humbly ask those of you who are willing to attend services in-person to make a special effort during these winter months, weather permitting, to come to our Sunday morning minyan. We had a string of challenging Sundays when we have not made a minyan and I worry that over the next few months this trend will increase.



The Men's Club Breakfast following the Sunday Minyan has been an integral part of our programming. It affords us, for a brief time, the chance to get together and experience fellowship in a very casual atmosphere. It also provides those who need to say Kaddish on a given Sunday the chance to pray with a minyan. So, while I understand that some of you are less inclined to venture out on a Sunday morning, if you would just choose one Sunday a month it could make all the difference. And finally, while the weather might be cold and inclement, our three zoom classes are warm and inviting. Linda Benish and I both enjoy the chance to study our tradition with you and it continues to provide us with a sense of fellowship, community, and continuity. So, if you have the eleven o'clock hour free on Monday, Wednesday, or Thursday mornings we would love to welcome you to our stimulating study of sacred texts and vibrant Jewish personalities in the months ahead. - Rabbi Joel Mishkin

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## CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

- January 3 2025 4:26pm
- January 10 2025 4:32pm
- January 17 2025 4:40pm
- January 24 2025 4:20pm
- January 31 2025 4:57pm

## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

I am writing my newsletter article on the eighth day of Chanukah. I will now reminisce about the great Chanukah memories I had as a child growing up in Northeastern Pennsylvania in the 1950's and 1960's.

My grandfather gave each of his 10 grandchildren Chanukah Gelt. In the early years we each got a Silver Dollar. In later years, Pop gave each of us a crisp brand new one dollar bill. Each Chanukah I wrote the year on the bill and folded it away in



My parents gave my sisters and me small Chanukah gifts for 7 nights and one large gift on the remaining night. Some large gifts I received over the years were an NFL electric football game, an electric car racing set, Lincoln logs, and a tear-off coupon book for ten free games at the bowling alleys at the Jewish Community Center.

The new programming director at the JCC was very active in bringing Jewish experiential events to Wilkes-Barre, PA. He started the "Mayrutz Halapid," the Running of the Torch, in Wilkes-Barre. This custom originated in Israel in 1940 where young women would run to distant cities to light public menorahs. I participated in the original Torch Run in 1967 consisting of recent 13 year old Bar Mitzvah boys. Each of us wore a blue sweatshirt which was decorated with a menorah. The run began at the JCC and proceeded to the Hebrew Day School, the Conservative Temple, and the Reform Temple, where Menorahs were lit by the last runner. I am proud that this tradition continues 57 years later!

My two sisters and I continue to celebrate each Chanukah together, and we get so much nachas now joining with our spouses, children and grandchildren. I hope everyone in the Beth Ohr family was able to create new Chanukah memories this year with their families.

Wishing you all a Happy and Healthy New Year in 2025! Hope to see you in the Synagogue for events and Services.

## MAZEL TOVI!

Yaakov and Cantor Zahava Fried proudly announce the birth of a son, Ramiel Gideon, born on December 18, 2024. Big sisters are Lilah and Serafina.

## RITUAL COMMITTEE

Thank you to the following members for reciting the Chanukah blessings during our annual Zoom Menorah lighting Ceremony: Roberta & Mark Karpel, Andrea & Mark Chassen, Rabbi Joel & Beverly Mishkin, Harriet & Philip Rabinowitz, Alec Mishkin & Mishkin Family, Wilma & Allen Appel, Rysie & Jeff Perlman & Family, and Linda & Allen Skupp. Thank you to our members and friends who participated.

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

### Friday Night Shabbat Service

6:00PM via Zoom

January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

### Saturday Shabbat Service

9:30AM in the Sanctuary

January 4, 11, 18, 25

### Sunday Morning Service

9:00AM in the Sanctuary

January 5, 12, 19, 26

## CONTACT RABBI MISHKIN

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941-518-8864, after hours for emergencies

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## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline to submit items for the February Newsletter is Monday, January 27, 2025. Please email your articles to Meryl on or before that date.

## 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 January. We will celebrate Simcha Shabbat on Saturday, January 11, 2025.

| <u>Birthdays</u>  |             |
|-------------------|-------------|
| <u>Name</u>       | <u>Date</u> |
| Susan Ross        | January 05  |
| Edna Yourman      | January 07  |
| Dorothy Shafran   | January 08  |
| Cathy Silver      | January 08  |
| Deborah Weintraub | January 12  |
| Stephen Lerner    | January 14  |
| Eileen Birnbaum   | January 15  |
| Arlene Silver     | January 22  |
| Diane Saks        | January 26  |
| Estee Spiegel     | January 29  |
| Charles Rogol     | January 31  |

| <u>Anniversaries</u>      |             |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| <u>Name</u>               | <u>Date</u> |
| Mr. & Mrs. Mark Atzbi     | January 12  |
| Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Lerner | January 30  |

### General Announcement

Lisa Mason proudly announces the marriage of her twins Emily & Andrew Pereira and Joshua & Melanie Mason. They were married 6 weeks apart.

## THANK YOU

*My family and I would like to thank everyone for their condolences, kind words, and shared memories on the loss of our beloved Ira Donenfeld. A special thank you to Rabbi Mishkin for performing the beautiful funeral service and the wonderful eulogy. Also, thank you to the Rabbi, Phil Rabinowitz, and Allen Appel for leading the minyans. - Lee Donenfeld*

## Yahrzeit Donations

We acknowledge the following for their contributions.

| Donated By                             | In Loving Memory Of  |
|--|--|
| Steven & Sara Ullman                   | Lillian A. Ullman  |
| Powell & Diane Saks                    | Sam Saks   |
| Len & Irene Ullman                     | Bertha Ullman, Paul Kalefsky                                       |
| Lori Pepler                            | Larry Garfinkel  |
| Brenda Corrao                          | David Abstender  |
| Nelson Silver                          | Morris Silver  |
| Seymour Wodakow                        | Boris Wodakow  |
| Stephen Lerner                         | Rozanne Lerner   |
| Linda & Allen Skupp                    | George Skupp   |
| Melvin & Zellie Prussack               | Fannie Sass, Martha Prussack                                       |
| Herman Blitzstein                      | Mary Blitzstein  |
| Lisa Mason                             | Leon Odzer   |
| Wilma & Allen Appel                    | Bessie Davis, Betty Appel  |
| Meryl Finkelstein                      | Joseph Gray, Haim Grayewsky  |
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| Linda & Allan Benish                   | Otto Elkan, Rosemarie Sender                                       |
| Elias Engber                           | Irwin Kaminsky, Solomon Kaminsky,<br>Yetta Kaminsky, Paul Kaminsky |
| Ilene & Barry Gray                     | Howard Gray  |
| Robin & David Alpher                   | Leonard Finkelstein  |

### 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.

## **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

### **GENERAL FUND**

Donation from Harriet & Philip Rabinowitz in Loving Memory of Ira Donenfeld, Ira Mendlowitz & Seymour Nussenbaum

Donation from Roberta & Larry Fachler in Loving Memory of Ira Donenfeld

Donation from Lori (Garfinkel) Pepler in Loving Memory of Ira Donenfeld

Donation from Michael Emen in Memory of David Klein's father, Joseph Klein

### **RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**

Donation from Ilene & Barry Gray

Donation from Terri Polovsky in Memory of Ira Donenfeld

### **David Benish Memorial Fund**

Donation from Allen & Wilma Appel in Memory of Ira Donenfeld

### **Stuart Polovsky Memorial Fund**

Donation from Lesley & Richard Lefkowitz in Memory of Ira Donenfeld

### **Heidi Rogol Memorial Fund**

Donation from Harriet & Philip Rabinowitz in Honor of Roberta & Larry Fachler's 60th Anniversary

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

Donation from Lisa Mason In Loving Memory of Leon Odzer

## January 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.

### January 3/4

|                   |      |
|-------------------|------|
| Thelma Baron      | 1/04 |
| Eva Blumenthal    | 1/04 |
| Paul Epstein      | 1/04 |
| Emil Goldstein    | 1/04 |
| Rosalie Albaum    | 1/05 |
| Tenney Egers      | 1/05 |
| Paul Kalefsky     | 1/05 |
| Libby Krutoy      | 1/05 |
| Aaron Persky      | 1/05 |
| Irving Gordon     | 1/06 |
| Ira Hilfman       | 1/06 |
| Leon Ayre Odzer   | 1/06 |
| Philip Wolpert    | 1/06 |
| Alfred Feld       | 1/07 |
| Louis Moss        | 1/07 |
| Naomi Strassberg  | 1/07 |
| Katie Waldman     | 1/07 |
| Hyman Wexlin      | 1/07 |
| William Zarfes    | 1/07 |
| Ray Cimring       | 1/08 |
| Sam Heimlich      | 1/08 |
| Benjamin Noah     | 1/08 |
| Sally Posner      | 1/08 |
| Peggy Clark       | 1/09 |
| Arthur Meyers     | 1/09 |
| Yetta Silverstein | 1/09 |
| Charles Albertson | 1/10 |
| Otto Elkan        | 1/10 |
| Isadore Feinman   | 1/10 |
| Leo Greenstein    | 1/10 |
| Miriam Lieberman  | 1/10 |

### January 10/11

|                 |      |
|-----------------|------|
| Dora Geller     | 1/11 |
| Milly Golden    | 1/11 |
| Fannie Sass     | 1/11 |
| Anna Wishnia    | 1/11 |
| Samuel Branner  | 1/12 |
| Gussie Goldberg | 1/12 |

### January 10/11

|                   |      |
|-------------------|------|
| Mindy Nightingale | 1/12 |
| Abraham Block     | 1/13 |
| Sharon Gallo      | 1/13 |
| Esther Moss       | 1/13 |
| Lillian Sofan     | 1/13 |
| Tessie Davis      | 1/14 |
| Eleanor Schneider | 1/14 |
| Miriam Waxenberg  | 1/14 |
| Sidney Bienenfeld | 1/15 |
| Paul Kaminsky     | 1/15 |
| Rose Rosenblum    | 1/15 |
| Morty Gallin      | 1/16 |
| William Greenspan | 1/16 |
| Jerry Shindelman  | 1/16 |
| Lillian Simkin    | 1/16 |
| Esther Solomon    | 1/16 |
| Frances Wildstein | 1/16 |
| Vera Nussenbaum   | 1/17 |
| Beckie Tischler   | 1/17 |

### January 17/18

|                    |      |
|--------------------|------|
| Morris Akronowitz  | 1/18 |
| Sonia Feinman      | 1/18 |
| Erich Hollander    | 1/18 |
| Yetta Kaminsky     | 1/18 |
| Robert Lionheart   | 1/18 |
| Manny Friedman     | 1/19 |
| Rozanne Lerner     | 1/19 |
| Howard Pfeffer     | 1/19 |
| Sadie Rankowitz    | 1/19 |
| Myrna Ricklin      | 1/19 |
| Jacob Shulman      | 1/19 |
| Lillian Warshofsky | 1/19 |
| Ira Woods          | 1/19 |
| Lipsa Abstender    | 1/20 |
| Mary Blitzstein    | 1/20 |
| Floyd Shumer       | 1/20 |
| Miriam Goldstein   | 1/21 |
| Ida Rubrum         | 1/21 |

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### January 17/18

|                     |      |
|---------------------|------|
| Leonard Finkelstein | 1/22 |
| Morris Radvinoviez  | 1/22 |
| Sam Schnitzer       | 1/22 |
| Florence Trechak    | 1/22 |
| Solomon Kaminsky    | 1/23 |
| Lillian Persky      | 1/23 |
| Martha Prussack     | 1/23 |
| Bella Hyman         | 1/24 |

### January 24/25

|                     |      |
|---------------------|------|
| Samuel Glazier      | 1/25 |
| Sylvia Kagan        | 1/25 |
| Mary Karmin         | 1/25 |
| Phyllis Nightingale | 1/25 |
| Rosemarie Sender    | 1/25 |
| Rose Rothstein      | 1/26 |
| Bessie Davis        | 1/28 |
| Jonathan Frank      | 1/28 |
| Risman Ruth         | 1/28 |
| Mollie Schneider    | 1/28 |
| Joanne Shapiro      | 1/28 |
| Isidore Sibelman    | 1/28 |
| Jack Boshak         | 1/29 |
| Meyer Fufeld        | 1/29 |
| Joseph Gray         | 1/29 |
| Leonard Pulchin     | 1/29 |
| Irving Steuer       | 1/29 |
| Gerald Wasserman    | 1/29 |
| Benjamin Feldheim   | 1/30 |
| Irwin Kaminsky      | 1/30 |
| Ignatie Kardos      | 1/30 |
| Bronia Shindelman   | 1/30 |
| Iris Sweig          | 1/30 |
| George Dragunoff    | 1/31 |
| Bahckmal Kikorov    | 1/31 |
| Sylvia Rauch        | 1/31 |
| George Skupp        | 1/31 |

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Happy Chanukah and Wishing All A Happy and Healthy 2025,

Sara Ullman is leading the discussion of *The Marriage Box* by Corie Adjmi on Wednesday, January 8, 2025 on Zoom.

The motion presented regarding the change of our Donor Event to Sunday May 18th lunchtime at Fred & Murrays in Freehold was passed. To attend this event a member needs to have \$90.00 donor by the close of the donor period ending April 30, 2025. Donor Chairs Liz Aroyo and Ilene Gray will be sending out an updated sheet in early January and will be more than happy to answer questions that arise.

Scrip is available at the Temple office from Meryl during her work hours. Please contact her ahead of time to expect you. Of course, as always it is also available from Monica Atzbi, Sharen Silverman and Marcia Trechak.

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

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

As always, we welcome input from our membership of any ideas that you would like to see from our Sisterhood. Please feel free to contact anyone of the Presidium which is Monica Atzbi, Cheryl Cadel, Barbara Schneider and Liz Aroyo.

Shalom,

Liz Aroyo, Presidium Member

### SAVE THE DATES:

SISTERHOOD SHABBAT—SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2025

SISTERHOOD TORAH FUND LUNCHEON HONORING ROBERTA FACHLER—SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2025

#### 2025 Mah Jongg Cards

Orders are now being taken for the new 2025 Mah Jongg cards! Small cards are \$14 and large cards are \$15. Make your check payable to Sisterhood Beth Ohr and send your check with your name, address and card size to:

**Maxine Kaufman**  
118 Willet Way  
West Deptford, NJ 08086

**Please send your order by January 20, 2025.**

For questions, call Maxine at 856-848-3113



## **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](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 Meryl at [merylrob@aol.com](mailto:merylrob@aol.com) or call her at 732-679-8701.



# Men's Club News

Minyan every Sunday. All are Welcome.

## Men's Club Calendar



The Sunday Minyans are in the Synagogue building. Every Sunday we will have Bagels and a schmear, coffee and more. **Join in with us in the Shul.** Services start at 9:00 and end around 9:45 and then the bagels, and camaraderie. If any questions, email or call Ed at [emcpa1@aol.com](mailto: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.

Jan 5, 2025 DATE CHANGE: Men's Club New Year's Pancake Breakfast / Everyone invited / No charge

Jan 12 DATE CHANGE: Men's Club 11th Annual Sydney Lustgarten Mensch Award honoring **Mel Brandl**

Feb 9, 2025: Men's Club Ed Mendlowitz 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Financial Program. FJMC World Wide Wrap / Ed's topic: Pitfalls to avoid when planning your estate – This will be an eye opener for everyone at any age.

Mar 16: Sisterhood / Men's Club Joint program. Sponsored by Herman and Frieda Lipp Memorial Fund in memory of Barbara Lipp. Program to be announced.

Apr 6: Men's Club Favorite Passover Memories Program

Apr 10: Siyum for First Born

May 29: Men's Club BBQ and Election

Jun 8: Men's Club Installation

Jun 29: Men's Club Red White and Blue Pancake Breakfast



## Photos below

Mel Brandl who will be the recipient of the Sydney Lustgarten Mensch Award on January 12, 2025.

Photos taken at a Hanukkah Minyan: Andy Mendlowitz, Dara and Ken Deitz, and Harriet Rabinowitz wearing a Men's Club Triple S Club Hoodie.

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



# Beth Ohr People Photos



## Photo descriptions

**Top:** Roberta and Larry Fachler and their growing family at their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding anniversary party. Next is President Rabinowitz with a Royal Flush at his weekly card game.

**2<sup>nd</sup> row.** Lisa Mason's twins' marriages six weeks apart. Left is daughter Emily and husband Andrew. Next is son Joshua and wife Melanie. Mazel Tov to the two new families and to Lisa on her nachos. Next is Paula Yourman with her family and nieces and nephews celebrating the Holidays. At left is Beverly and Rabbi Mishkin with Alec and Evan and friends.



# Congrats to Eagle Scout Blake Ellis



## Photo descriptions

Blake's Eagle project was the Ellis Remembrance Garden in front of our Temple building in memory of Blake's grandmother who was Jewish. Blake also helped us at Beth Ohr in many other ways including assisting Marty Israel with the Shabbos Kiddushes and Blake conscripting other scouts to help set up the Sukkan last year.

The top row shows Blake with his proud parents, with Rabbi Mishkin and one of the table centerpieces that has part of the Scout Law: A Scout is Cheerful.

The second row shows Mayor Debbie Walker and Senator Owen Henry with presentations to Blake and Phil Rabinowitz receiving a mentor award from Blake for assisting him with his project.

Bottom row: One of the 2 tables of Beth Ohr people including Eva Yourman who introduced Blake to us. Blake with Chuck and Paula Yourman.