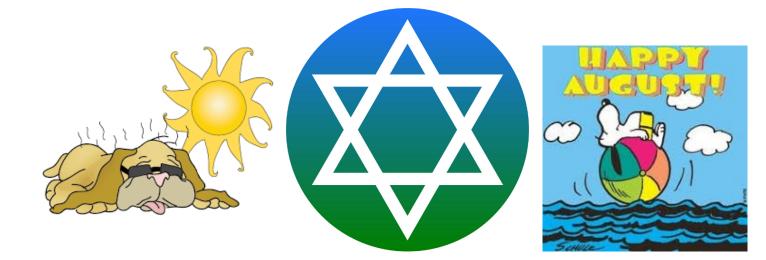


The Newsletter of TEMPLE BETH OR BRICK, NJ



Temple Beth Or

(Hebrew for "House of Light")

Temple Beth Or is an egalitarian inclusive Conservative congregation, modern yet reverent to the Jewish tradition. The congregation is made up of singles, couples and families. We welcome all members of our community, including interfaith families, and feel that a congregation should be a friendly welcoming place and the anchor of a caring community. It reaches out to its members relating to their needs and interests and to the larger Jewish and general community as well. Temple Beth Or is affiliated with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism.

SPIRITUAL LEADERS

Rabbi Robert Rubin Rabbi Emeritus Dr. Robert E. Fierstien



SERVICES: In-Person or on Zoom

Monday-Thursday, @ 6:45 PM on Zoom only Friday @ 7:15 PM Saturday @ 9:30 AM (beginning with Shocheyn Ad, Preliminary Services on your own) and after Shabbat with Havdalah TBO Services available on Zoom Join us 15 minutes before the service and schmooze together.

Watch your email or contact the office for the Zoom Access.

If you have difficulty going online, contact Rabbi Rubin at 610-639-5341.

We look forward to seeing you!

Temple Beth Or MAILING ADDRESS PO Box 789 Brick, NJ 08723

Phone: 732-458-4700

TBO Office Location @ St. Thomas Lutheran Church, 135 Salmon Street, Brick

Office Hours

Monday-Friday 9:00 am-1:00 pm <u>Call from parking lot to be met at door.</u> Secretary: Cindy Email: <u>TempleBethOrBrick@gmail.com</u>

Website: www.TempleBethOrBrick.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/TempleBethOrBrickNJ

In case of an emergency

Contact Rabbi Rubin call <u>610-639-5341 or 732-840-1092</u>

> Rabbi Rubin's Email: RBobRubin@gmail.com

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"Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision. The ability to direct individual accomplishments toward organizational objectives. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results." - Andrew Carnegie



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"The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing" - Walt Disney





All Submissions for The Vine are due by the 15th of the prior month.

All Submissions are subject for review. **NO EXCEPTIONS**

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



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By Dr. Sharon Monter

August brings us the 15th of Av, which is described as a mysterious day. Mysterious because Jewish Law doesn't reveal any observances or customs for this date, except for the fact that the confession of sins should be omitted from the daily prayers and that one should increase their study of Torah.

The Talmud tells us that the "daughters of Jerusalem would go dance in the vineyards" on the 15th of Av and "whoever did not have a wife would go there" to find himself a bride. The Talmud considers this the greatest festival of the year, with Yom Kippur a close second.

We continue to prepare our new building and make preparations for the High Holidays. I encourage everyone to dance in the vineyards, increase their study of Torah and join us for weekly services.

Thank you.

Sharon I. Monter, DPM



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A MESSAGE FROM OUR RABBI

By Rabbi Robert Rubin



Vacation – What Are We Vacating?

The summer is a time when many people take a vacation. It is interesting to think about that.

In many work environments, vacation time may be built into the worker-employer agreement. The job may include a certain number of days in which the worker is expected to not come into work, whether they actually go out of town or stay at home. In this situation, the worker is "vacating" their work environment and going to another environment, thus the term "going on a vacation" which implies going to a new destination/location in which to spend their time.

In Jewish tradition, we have a system of time in which we work at various things for six days and then take a special day – Shabbat – in which we vacate from the secular/work and go to a new place of holy time. Shabbat gives us a weekly one-day vacation. The ancient Romans thought that we, as Jews, were lazy taking a weekly one-day vacation. Over time, humans realized the importance of doing just that. In many societies, the cycle is five days of work and two days of a weekly vacation and not just one!

Some people travel for their vacation, literally "going" to somewhere new and vacating from their usual home. Some people stay home and go on what is called a "staycation" perhaps doing different things than their usual routine. Shabbat is a weekly staycation – staying home yet having a different routine.

This year, during August, I will be on vacation. However, we do not travel much, so we will be having a staycation. So, we plan to be around, yet do things somewhat differently.

As a result of this staycation, and also of the summer heat, Temple Beth Or will be having Friday night Shabbat services in-person in the small meeting room (which is air conditioned!) at St. Thomas Lutheran Church, and congregants will be leading the service while I remain at home. There will not be a Zoom connection. Saturday morning Shabbat services will be on Zoom only and not in-person, to which I can connect from home like anyone else. Here, too, congregants will be leading the services. I can "vacate" the usual routine and yet "stay" together with the community.

The Thursday online Hebrew Reading Class will take a break in August. Plan to join us in September on Thursdays at 7:00-8:30 PM in which we will read and discuss passages from the Torah, from the Prayer Book and from a modern Hebrew newsletter. If you know the Hebrew letters and vowels, then this is the class for you. If you need to learn to read Hebrew from the beginning, join that in-person class in October on Tuesdays at 10:30 AM. Watch for more information.

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR RABBI

By Rabbi Robert Rubin



Vacation - What Are We Vacating? - continued from page 6

If you have a concern or want to discuss something with me, do not take a vacation from that during August. Call me or email me and we can discuss whatever. If there is a life cycle event or an emergency during August, contact me as I do not want to "vacate" those opportunities. Also, I am continuing to work during August on preparations for the High Holidays as we certainly do not want to "vacate" them.

Summer may be a time for vacations, yet we continue to stay connected. May the remainder of the summer and of the Jewish year of 5783 be filled with positive things for all of us as we together look forward to the new Jewish year of 5784!







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SISTERHOOD NEWS AND EVENTS

President: Marlene Vogel

SAVE THE DATE: September 5, 2023 - Paid Up Meeting - watch for details

Please pay your 2023/2024 dues to be put in the drawing for a free Sisterhood membership for the following year. Drawing will be held during the Paid Up Meeting.

Any suggestions for future meeting topics or guest speakers, please contact Marlene Vogel or the TBO Office.



GOLDEN BOOKS

Send someone special a card for any occasion. Call the office 732-458-4700 or email: <u>TempleBethOrBrick@gmail.com.</u> The cost is \$3.00 per card, including postage, or purchase a package of six cards for \$18.00. <u>Please make checks out to:</u> Temple Beth Or, Sisterhood Attn: Golden Book

SHOPRITE GIFT CERTIFICATES

Buy supermarket gift cards from Sisterhood Temple Beth Or and earn 5% on your purchase for the Temple. ShopRite Gift Cards are available in denominations of \$25, \$50, and \$100. The cards are used as a debit card when you do your shopping. It is a convenient way to pay for your shopping while helping Temple Beth Or. Please Call: Rachel Zycband @ 732-581-4809

Sponsor an Oneg Shabbat, Kiddush

Luncheon, or Private Event! All Bookings must be made through Sisterhood/Temple Catering. Please call Temple Beth Or's office: 732-458-4700

FLOWER FUND

Contributions are being accepted for the on going flower fund. A card will be sent "In Honor of", "In Celebration of", "In Memory of", or Just Because. Contact Temple Beth Or's office



"Help one another is part of the religion of our sisterhood" Louisa May Alcott





Join Sisterhood Form on page 9

SISTERHOOD/TEMPLE CATERING CHAI CHAIR FUND

The Chai chair Fund has been established to replace those chairs that are in disrepair and to purchase additional ones.

Checks are payable to:

Temple Beth Or, Sisterhood Attn: Ann Metnick Amount TBD per chair

A certificate of notification will be sent upon request.

Name:

Number of Chairs:

Amount Enclosed \$:

In Honor of:

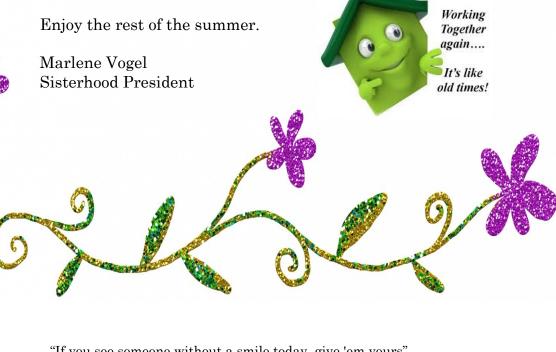
In Memory of:



I would like to welcome everyone to Sisterhood 2023-2024. Many of you know me but for those who don't, my name is Marlene Vogel and I was re-elected as Sisterhood President. I had one year off, but I'm back in the drivers seat. Deanna Burke was President last year and did a fabulous job.

We are starting to plan our year with educational and fun programs. Our Paid Up Meeting kicks off the year on September 5, 2023. Hope each and every woman plans to attend. This year we will have some meetings and functions on a Sunday afternoon so that those who don't drive at night will able to attend those functions and meetings. The dates of all meetings and functions will be made available at the Paid Up Meeting, so please come.

We hope all of the women of Temple Beth Or will come and meet new and old friends. Looking forward to being with each and everyone of you. If you have any suggestions for programs, please contact me or the office.



"If you see someone without a smile today, give 'em yours". Dolly Parton

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JOIN TO	DAY		
Join Men's Club for 2023			
Socialize at Productive and Meaningful Meetings			
Help fund-raise for TBO			
Dues: Still Just \$25			
(make check out to TBO Men's Club)			
Please Submit to TBO Office at your earliest convenience.			
Temple Beth Or, Men's Club P.O. Box 789			
Brick, NJ 08723			
(732.458.4700)			
Name			
Phone Number			
Email			
Join Sisterhood for 2023/2024			
Socialize and have <i>Fun</i> at meaningful and insightful meetings			
Help fund-raise for TBO			
Dues: \$25			
(make check out to TBO Sisterhood)			
Please Submit to TBO Office at your earliest convenience. Temple Beth Or, Sisterhood			
P.O. Box 789			
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MEN'S CLUB OF TEMPLE BETH OR

President: Larry Kalb

September 10, 2023, Sunday - General Meeting





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Join Men's Club 2023 Form on page 9

"Price is what you pay. Value is what you get". *Warren Buffett*

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

Toms River/Brick USY (TRICKUSY)

Joint USY groups with Congregation B'nai Israel of Toms River.



"Being kind means responding to the needs of others and people can be kind, no matter how old or young we are."—<u>Fred Rogers</u>

Adult Jewish Learning Classes



Hebrew Reading: Beyond the Basics – read and learn some Modern, Biblical and Prayer Book Hebrew – online with Rabbi Rubin – every session independent, – Hebrew passages shown on screen – translation provided along with discussion. We will take a break in August and plan to resume on Thursdays in September at 7:00-8:30 PM. Watch for more details.

Save the Date:

Level 1 Hebrew Reading Course From the Beginning - Starting October 17, 2023 - Tuesdays @ 10:30 AM-12:00 PM, in-person for six weeks. Watch for more information and registration.

We invite you to join our Zoom Adult Jewish Learning classes even if you have not participated before.

We are open to your ideas for future classes. Contact **Rabbi Rubin** at **732-840-1092 (home) or 610-639-5341 (cell)** or **Naomi Monter** with your input.



On the mountain, God gave Moses rules for the people to follow.

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I wish to thank everyone for all the cards and support during this difficult time with the loss of my brother Benjamin.

Anne Katz





For the four Shabbatot of the month of August, Shabbat services will be held as follows:

Friday nights - **in-person** in the air-conditioned small meeting room of St. Thomas Lutheran Church, led by congregation members, kiddush served but without any Oneg Shabbat cake, entrance through the main door and not the gym door, no Zoom access.

Saturday mornings - on Zoom only

August 10, 2023, Thursday - Due date for Yizkor Book of Remembrance listings.

AVAILABLE – The Jewish Journal (August & July issues), Shabbat/Holiday Prayer Books, Weekday Prayer Books, Chumashim, Yizkor Books of Remembrance. Available in the TBO Office or contact Rabbi Rubin (cell: 610-639-5341).

Members' Birthday List on page 15 **If you would like to have your birthday listed** in the Vine, please email or call with the month and day of your birthday to the TBO Office.

Save the Dates:

October 17, 2023, Tuesday - Level 1 Hebrew Reading Course From the Beginning Starting October 17, 2023 - Tuesdays @ 10:30 AM-12:00 PM, in-person for six weeks. Watch for more information and registration.

> "Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier." Mother Teresa











"The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much; it is whether we provide enough for those who have too little." — Franklin D. Roosevelt



Be Prepared – **CERT is Community Emergency Response Team**, a nationwide volunteer organization which most towns have. It backs up First Responders. Members are trained on what to do before, during and after a disaster, including basic first aid, CPR, fire safety, light search & rescue and triage. CERT members have assisted with evacuations, food & water distribution, fire and Super Storm Sandy as well as at township events, such as Summerfest, Night Against Crime and Trunk or Treat. When disaster strikes, those trained are able to assist the police and EMS, help themselves and help their neighbors. Successful completion of a CERT course, which includes a written & practical test and background check, are the requirements to become a CERT member. Preparedness is very important. Please stop in the Temple Beth Or office, located in St. Thomas Lu-



theran Church, Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM to pick up a Disaster Preparedness Guide. If you are at any township event look for the CERT table and say hello. If you want to learn more, call our TBO member Joy Witt at 732-278-9008.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - for Friday night Oneg Shabbat & Saturday Kiddush. Volunteers needed to purchase food, set up and clean up. Contact Rachel at <u>Rachelzycband@comcast.net</u> or 732-581-4809 for more info.



DONATE NON-PERISHABLE FOOD to a Food Pantry – Bring food <u>directly to a food</u> <u>pantry</u>, like the one at St. Thomas Lutheran Church, 135 Salmon Street, Brick, 732-477-5533, or one you have by you.

HELP SUPPORT TEMPLE BETH OR with the purchase of ShopRite Gift Cards - See flier on page or

HELP SUPPORT PEOPLE THROUGH THE FOOD PANTRY at St. Thomas Lutheran Church (where our TBO office is located). Buy a ShopRite gift card (\$25, \$50 or \$100) from Sisterhood and donate it to the food pantry. The church continues to go above and beyond in kindness and generosity towards our congregation in helping us continue to move forward at this difficult time. Order by contacting Rachel Zycband at <u>Rachelzycband@comcast.net</u>, or (732-581-4809) and specify that it is to be given

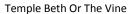


to the food pantry. Buying ShopRite gift cards from Sisterhood also benefits TBO.

PLANT A TREE IN ISRAEL in a loved ones name. \$18 per tree. Temple Beth Or is working with the Jewish National Fund for this project. For more information contact TBO office or Rabbi Rubin (cell: 610-639-5341). See form on page

COVID-19 Tests available – get free test kits at COVIDtests.gov.

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JULY MEMBERS' BIRTHDAYS



- Wish them a Happy Birthday!
- 1 Melanie Rogacki
- 2 Perry Zycband
- 6 Carole Wassner
- 15 Marlene Snedaker
- 18 Miriam Leisman Rubin
- 21 Rose Seltzer
- 23 Myra Klein
- 26 Hank Rogacki
- 29 Rachel Zycband
- 31 Robert Ostrove

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!



The above birthday information is from the Temple Beth Or Calendars and also from information submitted individually. If you would like to have your birthday listed in the Vine, please email or call with the month and day of your birthday to the TBO Office.





YAHRTZEIT DONATIONS

The human soul is a light from God. May it be Your will that the soul of our loved ones enjoy eternal life, along with the souls of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, and Leah, and the rest of the righteous that are in Gan Eden. Amen.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Melvyn Ravitz	Beloved husband of Lori Ravitz Pickell	
Clara Sherman Gray	Beloved aunt of Ruth Sherman Ress	
Dr. Robert I. Rosenthal	Beloved husband of Rita Rosenthal	
Harry Jacobs	Beloved father of Evelyn Reiter	
Minnie Tanenblatt	Beloved mother of Deanna Burke	
Myer Horowitz	Beloved step-father of Seymour Rockower	
Elaine Lichtenstein	Beloved mother of Carla Rosenberg	
Norman Ostrove	Beloved father of Robert Ostrove	
Eileen Levin	Beloved sister of Stephen Garfinkel	
Charles Brindell	Beloved uncle of Adrienne & Marlene Vogel	
Bessie Goldfarb	Beloved grandmother of Adrienne & Marlene Vogel	
Morris Katz	Beloved father of Rita Rosenthal	
Kenneth Grossman	Beloved brother of Sandi Silber	

Shavuot Yizkor Donations

In loving memory by Sara Askin

MISHEBERACH PRAYER

When someone near and dear to us is ill, a spiritual uplift can be very meaningful. This is done in Jewish tradition by reciting a "Misheberach" prayer on the days we take out the Torah.

If you would like a Misheberach said and are not able to attend the service, please call Temple Beth Or's office or email us at TempleBethOrBrick@gmail.com

We need the person's **Hebrew name** and the **mother's Hebrew name**, so that a prayer will be done for you.



THE MITZVAH GROUP

Temple Beth Or's Mitzvah Group reaches out to all members. If you know of someone who needs or would like a phone call, hospital, nursing or rehab center visit, please let us know. Kindly complete the form below and mail it to the synagogue. Temple Beth Or Attention: The Mitzvah Group PO Box 789 Brick, New Jersey 08723

If time is of the essence, please phone the information to Rabbi Rubin at 610-639-5341.

Reason:_____

MISHEBERACH PRAYER REQUEST

Person Receiving Prayer:_____

Hebrew Name:_____

Mother's Hebrew Name:_____

Date:_____

From:_____

You can email TBO office at: TempleBethOrBrick@gmail.com.

Let us join together in turning our good intentions into good deeds.

Thank you, B 'Shalom

COMPLETE THIS FORM FOR THE MITZVAH GROUP REQUEST— PLEASE PRINT

Name of person wanting contact:				
Phone:	_			
Address:		Town:		
Please circle type of contact wanted:				
Phone Call	In Home Visit			
Hospital Visit	Name of Hospital:	Town:		
Nursing & Rehab Center Visit	Name of Center and Town:			
Your name, if different than above:				



Purchase your ShopRite Gift Cards at Temple Beth Or !!

Cards are available in \$25, \$50 or \$100. 5% of gift cards purchased goes to Temple Beth Or at no extra cost to you.

> Call Temple Beth Or's office at 732-458-4700 or email us at <u>TempleBethOrBrick@gmail.com</u>

Please give <u>us 24 hours notice</u> so we can have them ready for you to pick up, or we can also mail them to you if you are unable to get here to pick them up.

Please assist our fundraising efforts. Support Temple Beth Or!





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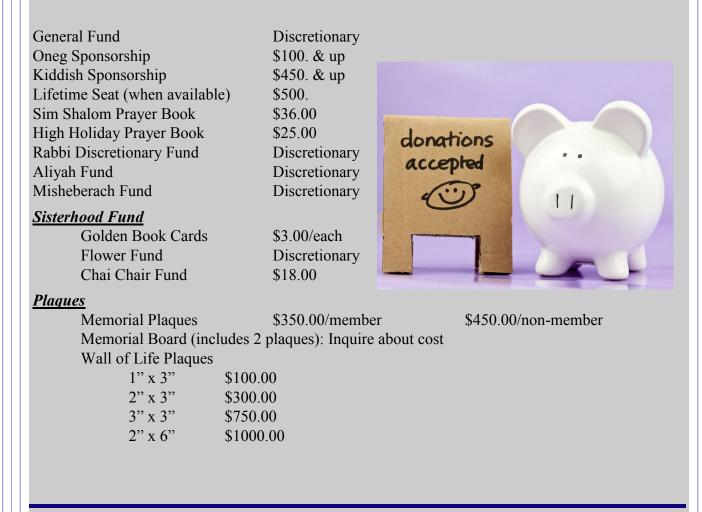
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Ways To Give

Celebrate a Simcha, commemorate a loss, mark a special occasion, or offer a get well.

Strengthen our synagogue by contributing to the General Fund or any of the specific funds indicated below. You can send your check to the Synagogue office specifying the fund you would like to support. A beautiful card will be sent from TBO informing the honorees of the gift you have made in their honor or in memory of a loved one.



You may send or bring a check to the synagogue office. Tributes cannot be officially acknowledged until payment is received. Please contact the office for information regarding Legacy Gifts and opportunities to make larger contributions.

LIFE CYCLE EVENTS

Temple Beth Or is here for you to share your happy occasions, as well as any sad difficult moments, with others and with our community. We appreciate the following donations to help keep Temple Beth Or open and functioning. For the "member" rates, the person or the person's parent/guardian must be a member of TBO or by an extension of reciprocity, of another congregation. Payment is to be made payable to Temple Beth Or. The arrangements for all of these ceremonies and dates must be approved by the Rabbi and TBO.

BAR/BAT MITZVAH FEE

Includes the option of choosing honorees at the service. <u>TBO Members - \$875.00</u>

There is no additional charge for the lessons with the Rabbi. If the event is held as part of the Saturday morning Shabbat service, it is expected that the Saturday Kiddush and the Friday night Oneg Shabbat receptions will be sponsored in honor of the occasion (included in the above fee).

AUFRUF TORAH ALIYAH

Includes the option of choosing honorees at the service.

<u>TBO Members - \$100.00</u> Non-Members - \$150.00

If the event is held as part of the Saturday morning Shabbat service, it is expected that the Kiddush following the service will be sponsored in honor of the occasion.

WEDDING

does not include a Chuppah. The Rabbi does not have to be the officiant. <u>TBO Members - \$200.00</u> <u>Non-members - \$300.00</u>

BABY NAMING TORAH ALIYAH

Includes the option of choosing honorees at the service <u>TBO Members - \$100.00</u> <u>Non-members - \$150.00</u> If the event is held as part of the Saturday morning Shabbat service, it is expected that the Kiddush following the service will be sponsored in honor of the occasion.

FUNERAL

(use of Sanctuary) The Rabbi does not have to be the officiant. <u>TBO Members - No Charge</u> For a Kaddish relative of a TBO Member (parent, spouse, sibling, child) - <u>No Charge</u> For a Non-member - \$550.00 (to be billed to the funeral director)

Following the funeral, if appropriate, a surviving relative is to be offered a one year courtesy membership or a \$550 credit

to a higher priced membership with the welcome invitation to come here to attend services and to say Kaddish.

KADDISH RECITATION

A TBO member or a Kaddish relative of a TBO member who dies is to be remembered and automatically placed on the 11month Mourner's List which is read at the time of the recitation of the Mourner's Kaddish at the end of Shabbat services on Friday nights and Saturday mornings. There is no required donation for this.

A request may be made to add a non-member to the Mourner's List and have them remembered and included at the time of the recitation of the Mourner's Kaddish at the end of Shabbat services on Friday nights and Saturday mornings.

A \$300.00 donation is requested for this.



