



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Robert Kreitman - President

Parsha Ha'azinu

Erev Rosh Hashanah (Wednesday Sept 4):

- Candlelighting: 7:06 PM

Erev Tavshilin before candlelighting

- Mincha (two minyanim): 7:15 PM

First Day Rosh Hashanah (Thursday Sept 5):

- Shacharis: 6:45, 8:15 AM
 - Shofar not before 9:00, 10:30 AM
- Mincha: 6:00 PM followed by Tashlich
- Candlelighting: Not before 8:13 PM
- Maariv (two minyanim): 8:05 PM

Second Day Rosh Hashanah (Friday Sept 6)

- Shacharis 6:45, 8:15 AM
 - Shofar not before 9:00, 10:30 AM
- Mincha: 7:00 PM
- Candlelighting Erev Shabbos: 7:03 PM

Shabbos Shuva (September 7)

- Shacharis: 7:45, 9:00 AM (no YFM)
- Mincha Shabbos Day: 1:45 & 6:20 PM
 - followed by Shabbos Shuva drasha:
- Maariv: 8:05 PM

Tzom Gedalia (Sunday September 8)

- Fast Starts 5:20 AM
- Slichos: 1:00, 6:30, 7:20 & 8:30 AM
- Mincha: 1:35 & 6:45 PM
- Late Maariv 7:45 PM (no 10:10 PM Maariv)
 - Fast ends 8:07 PM

Mon September 9-Thurs September 12:

- Slichos - 40 minutes before shacharis at both 6:20/ 6:30 and 7:05/ 7:10 minyanim, 35 minutes before shacharis at 8:00 AM minyan
- Mincha - 6:50 PM
- Late Maariv: 10:10 PM

Rabbi Luban's Monday Night Shiur: 9:10 PM

Tuesday Tehillim: 9:50 PM

Wednesday Kollel Learning: 8-10:10

Daf Yomi schedule for Rosh Hashana:

Wednesday-after Maariv

Thursday-first day Rosh Hashana-7 pm

Friday -second day Rosh Hashana-6:15 pm

Shabbos Shuva-5:30 pm

KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP

Kiddush sponsorship is available for the first day of Succos, Shabbos Chol Hamoed Succos and Shemini Atzeres. To sponsor a Kiddush or reserve the Kiddush room, please contact Mel Barenholtz in person, or by phone or email: mbarenh@yahoo.com.

To sponsor a Shalosh Seudos, please contact Moshe Wiesel.

OHR TORAH NEWSLETTER

To subscribe to these Announcements, please see the Ohr Torah website: www.ohrtorah.net

BUILDING DEDICATION OPPORTUNITIES

Contact Moshe Schneider at 732-618-4702 or at 8848 (cell), reenagreenspan@yahoo.com or Gene Wasserman 732-397-0130 or genew@compugene.com or mschneider19@yahoo.com.

TREE OF LIFE and/or YAHRZEIT PLAQUES

To dedicate a Yahrzeit Plaque or a Leaf for the Lobby Eitz Chayim Tree, please contact Moish Nat by sending a detailed fax with all dedicatory wording to 732-759-8558. For more info, call Moish at 732-759-8070 during work days or 732-572-4132 in the evening.

SEFORIM DEDICATIONS

Book/Seforim Dedications of all types are available contact Barry Siegel siegeldad@optonline.net.

HOUSEKEEPING

3 Tishrei 5774

For housekeeping issues and inquiries contact Lou Smith at luddeju@gmail.com or 732-572-5633.

OHR TORAH YOUTH PROGRAM EVENTS

Children can register for events on Ohr Torah's website "ohrtorah.net" or by calling Mayer Berg at 732-572-3429.

REFUAH SHLEIMAH LEARNING

Please see the Ohr Torah website, www.ohrtorah.net, for the various schedules of learning as a Z'chus for a Refuah Shleimah for members of our shul and community.

FUNERAL/SHIVA ANNOUNCEMENTS

For funeral and Shiva email and phone mail announcements contact Reena Greenspan 732-828-5642 (home) 732-678-8848 (cell), reenagreenspan@yahoo.com or Gene Wasserman 732-397-0130 or genew@compugene.com

MAZEL TOV

...to Lynn and Marc Hanfling on the birth of a daughter, Raizel Malya, to their children Rabbi Naftali and Chayi Hanfling. Mazel Tov to the great grandparents, Mr. Hersz Hanfling and Mrs. Ellen Schochet.

... to Devora and Ephraim Zinkin on their son Josh Zinkin being featured as September's SportsKid of the Month in Sports Illustrated for Kid's. Josh was recognized for his inaugural wrestling season with the Edison Township Eagles in which he medaled in each of his first three career tournaments (2 Golds and 1 Silver), winning 14 matches, with 6 of his 12 pins clocking in at under :20 seconds.

...to Ruchi and Yossi Stern on the birth of a daughter, to their children Rabbi & Mrs. Shloime and Esti Schwimmer, in Eretz Yisroel. Mazel Tov to aunt and uncle Rachelle and Zev Stern and the entire Stern family.

...to Rabbi Dr. Bernhard and Charlene Rosenberg upon the birth of a son, Asher Tzvi, to their children, Ilana and Joshua Merl. Mazel tov to his sisters, brother, all the aunts, uncles and cousins.

KIDDUSH

Kiddush this week is being sponsored by David Hanfling & Family to commemorate the Yahrzeit of Faye Hanfling A'H, Faige Ayleh bas Mayer Hakohen, and Aunt Pepi, Preiva bas David Leib A'H.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

There will be no Shalosh Seudos in shul this week due to Rabbi Luban's Shabbos Shuva drasha. Please remember to have Shalosh Seudos at home before Mincha.

LULAV & ESROG ORDERING

When ordering from below, please mention Ohr Torah and OT will receive a donation for each sale.

a.. Barry Siegel & Family

siegeldad@optonline.net, 732-572-4408

b.. Judaica Gallery,

judaicagallery@hotmail.com, 732-828-7722

Please see the flyers for additional info.

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All checks for Lulavim and Esrogim must be made out to the appropriate vendor and NOT Congregation Ohr Torah. No check made out to COT will be cashed.

YAD ELIEZER

Congregation Ohr Torah and Yad Eliezer proudly present Charlie Harary, Esq., internationally acclaimed inspirational speaker. He will deliver the Yomim Noraim Teshuva Lecture dedicated to the memory of I. David and Miriam Goldstein, "How to Get Into the Book of Life" to be held on Wednesday evening, Sept 11, 2013 at OT at 8 PM. All donations to Yad Eliezer will be appreciated to feed Israel's hungry poor.

FUNERAL/SHIVA ANNOUNCEMENTS

After the exact wording in funeral/shiva announcements are sent in via email, ALWAYS follow up with a phone call to Reena Greenspan at 732-678-8848 cell, and 732-828-5642 home. If the Greenspans are not home then Gene Wasserman at 732-397-0130. This is necessary as email is not always monitored and therefore announcements may not go out in timely fashion. Even if you have only partial information, send it in to be updated later.

LOST & FOUND

Last Rosh Hashana, A brown leatherbound Artscoll Machzor with the name Dovid Yehuda (in Hebrew) was taken by accident. If you find it in your home or in OT, please return it to the Lowinger family.

HAKARAT HATOV

Please note that Ohr Torah has more than 800 seat reservations for this coming High Holiday season, a new record. We would like to thank Jonas Waizer, Arthur Atlas, Brian Allen and David Waizer for their incredible effort with respect to seating in the Main Sanctuary and Gershon Klavan for his vast efforts with respect to seating at our Hashkamah minyan. We would also like to thank all of those who successfully bid at the Main Sanctuary kibbudim auction for Yamim Noraim this past Motzaei Shabbat. The auction was most successful, raising close to \$20,000 for our shul. Thank you also to all of our members who have pre-pledged to our Yom Kippur Appeal. We are hoping that all members can be part of this year's appeal and strengthen our congregation for the coming fiscal year.

SEFORIM DONATIONS

Thanks to the following for their generous Seforim donations:
-Chaya Gurkov in memory of Rabbi Shmuel Dovid Gurkov Z"L

**REMINDER: The emergency Defibrillator is mounted on the wall in the hallway.
PLEASE SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR MORE OHR TORAH INFORMATION**

-Chaya Gurkov in memory of Michel & Channah Brainah Gordon & brother Chaim Gordon Z"L

-Friends of the Freundlichs in memory of Ushi Freundlich's father Simcha Zimmelfreundlich Z"L

-Phil & Marcia Rosen in memory of Ushi Freundlich's father Simcha Zimmelfreundlich Z"L

OHR TORAH YOUTH PROGRAM

New Youth Program: Congregation Ohr Torah's NEW youth program: Listed below are the classrooms in use and the youth leaders for each location:

· Corner classroom Lower Level (boys and girls in grades Pre-Nursery and Nursery) led by Talia Berlin and Nikki Bick in which we will have a weekly Tot Shabbat program where our children can enjoy a very kid friendly and fun recitation of brachot, sing Shabbat songs, dance with the Torah and so much more. Grape juice and snacks served.

· Shul Office Upper Level (boys & girls in grades Primer and 1st Grade) led by Leora Sherman

· Classroom Lower Level middle of hallway (BOYS grades 2 through 4) led by Benjy Lankin and Effie Auman

· Classroom Lower Level middle of hallway next to restrooms (GIRLS grades 2 through 4) led by Shani Berg and Samantha Blum

· Back of the Kiddush Room (GIRLS grades 5 thru 8) led by Bat-Chen Callen (Mindy Shulman will be Bat-Chen's fill-in for the Chagim)

· Beit Medrash Upper Level (BOYS grades 5 and 6) led by Yosef Kramer.

The Youth Program kicks off at 10 AM each Shabbat and lasts until the conclusion of Tefillah in the main minyan. It is very important that all parents please locate their child/ren before 10 AM and walk him or her to the classroom where our youth staff will be eagerly awaiting their arrival. Also, we kindly request that when Tefillah has concluded all parents please come pick up your child/ren before going to the Kiddush. Thank you for your cooperation.

Rosh Hashanah Program: Ohr Torah will have a special youth program on Rosh Hashana September 5th and 6th for children in grades Nursery thru Sixth Grade beginning at 11:30 AM. We will initially meet in the back of the Kiddush Room for the sounding of the Shofar (30 Kolot) for women and children and will then proceed to the Beit Medrash for our Junior Congregation and classrooms as well. We will discuss the importance of the Yomim Nora'im through relevant stories and special "sweet" treats will be provided. Please note that signs will be posted on all classroom doors with the grades of the children for that location. The program will

conclude when the Main Minyan has completed.

Babysitting: Ohr Torah is proud to announce that once again we will provide complimentary babysitting for the Yomim Nora'im in the first classroom when coming downstairs using the main stairwell. This service is for all children ages 1-4. It is imperative that all children attending our babysitting are able to walk (and not need to be held) and that parents please ensure that our staff is aware of your seating location should we need to find you. We will have a seating chart available. Also please provide our staff with any baby wipes/diapers as needed. We will be unable to accommodate children who have not reached their first birthday.

The dates and hours for our babysitting service are as follows:

Thursday September 5 2013 (Rosh Hashana Day One): 10 AM to 2 PM

Friday September 6 2013 (Rosh Hashana Day Two): 10 AM to 2 PM

Friday September 13, 2013 (Yom Kippur night): 6:45 PM to 9:45 PM

YOM KIPPUR PLEDGE CARDS

In the past, Yom Kippur Pledge Cards have been distributed only to members of our congregation who are men. A number of women and young adults have approached the President and asked whether they could receive pledge cards as well. If you would like to receive a pledge card (or are interesting a guest that you believe might be interested in receiving a pledge card) please e-mail Yoel Schwartz at jschwartz@optonline.net. and Robert Kreitman at rkreitman@sidley.com and we will make the proper arrangements. Thank you in advance for your zeal in pursuing this opportunity to give tzedakah on Yom Kippur and may you all be inscribed in the Book of Life.

CHAI LIFELINE SHABBATON

After a one-year hiatus, the Edison-Highland Park community will once again be welcoming approximately thirty boys (between the ages of 7 & 15 years old) and staff from Chai Lifeline for a weekend retreat (October 19). Our Shabbaton, in which community boys become "buddies" to the Chai Lifeline kids and an inspirational community-wide Seudah Shlishit is held at OT, has twice now been recognized internationally as one of the best shabbatons of the year. It provides the opportunity for kids in a very difficult situation to forget their troubles for a weekend and enjoy themselves with old friends and new "buddies." It also provides their families with much-needed respite.

In past years, the Shabbaton was subsidized by a small number of individuals. Unfortunately, we no longer have access to those funds, and must reach out to the

community at large. We need to raise another \$7,000 to cover the Shabbaton. Please sponsor or contribute today (all contributions will be displayed on a recognition card):

\$ 1,000 Sponsor Shabbat lunch

\$ 500 Sponsor Seudah Shlisit

\$ 360 Sponsor a child for the weekend

\$ 180 Sponsor Saturday night Event

\$ 180 Contributor

Checks should be made out to "Chai Lifeline" and mailed to David Waizer, 53 North 7th Ave, Highland Park, NJ 08904.

Teens from Highland Park/Edison who would like to volunteer should contact Barbara Edery at barbaraedery@gmail.com. This event qualifies for chesed hours and letters can be provided upon request."

RETIREE LUNCH AND LEARN

Come join us to enjoy a staple of old time Jewish Comedy. How many of you remember Gertrude Berg aka Mollie Goldberg? This is not just a story of one influential woman, but a wondrous journey of discovery of a time that laid the groundwork for the present. This video includes interviews with Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, actor Ed Asner and many other well known personalities. Date: Wednesday, October 16, 2013

Time: 12:00 noon Location: Congregation Ohr Torah
The program will include a light lunch followed by the video, dessert and socializing. Those who would like to see one of the Mollie Goldberg TV episodes and understand just why Mollie was universally acclaimed by all ethnic groups can stay awhile longer and enjoy the second "dessert." There will be a charge of \$10 to help defray the cost of the meal. RSVP to Bella blerner18@optonline.net or 732 317-1786 Mildred 732 572-1712 Or Marcia ppheffer@verizon.net or 732 572-5998

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

RJJ MIKVA

RJJ mikva opens Erev Yom Kippur early morning to 6PM. Closed 1:30-2:30 PM

CHARITY FUND FOR THE BLIND 2013

For the past 10 years I have been appealing to you for funds to assist the blind in Jerusalem. The Charity Fund for the Blind is an organization that was started by Aliza Goldstein about 25 years ago. The fund has no paid employees and zero overhead. For many years of its existence it was funded by Aliza and her immediate family. Aliza, accompanied by her husband Yehuda, a retired Hebrew University Professor of Physics, visit these needy blind persons referred to her, in their homes and personally monitors and ascertains their most pressing needs. Whether it be for medicines, food, a new pair of shoes for a family member, a dress for a young lady, etc., they go to the store, purchase these items and deliver them.

When the needs of the families exceeded Aliza's ability to cover them with her personal resources, she asked me if I could assist

her which I have been doing for these many years during chodesh Elul. I appeal to you to assist Aliza in doing this charitable work.

In the merit of your act of tzedakah, may Hashem Yitbarach bless you and your family with good health and success in the coming year. Thank you again for your assistance. Tizku l'mitzvot With warmest wishes, Bella Lerner
P.S. Please make your checks payable to Ohr Torah Gemach Fund and include the words Charity Fund for the Blind on the memo line and mail your check in the enclosed self-addressed envelope.

RPRY RAFFLE FOR JEWISH EDUCATION FOR 2013

RPRY is having its annual raffle to help support Jewish Education. Tickets are 1 @ \$36 or \$3 @ \$100. The grand prize is 2 tickets to Israel. The drawing is 10/8. Please see OT ticket sellers, Josh Caplan, Barry Siegel, Leeor Jerushalmy or Brian Dube. Thanks for your support of Jewish Education.

RPRY FUNDRAISING PROJECT

RPRY PTA is partnering with ShoeBox Recycling, a for-profit recycler of shoes. We are collecting used, but still wearable pairs of men's, women's and kid's shoes. The PTA earns some money as we recycle as many pairs of shoes as possible. Please drop off your used shoes at RPRY, placing them into the ShoeBox Recycling box that is located in the school lobby next to the office. Thank you and wishing you and your families a Happy and Healthy Sweet New Year.

Ariella Schachter -RPRY PTA President

MEKOR CHAIM/STEINSALTZ AMBASSADORS

Welcome to the new Mekor Chaim/Steinsaltz Ambassadors, Ariel Odes and Amichai Bauer, and join the entire community in a **Simchat Beit** Hosheava, the traditional Sukkot party that brings unity and joy, coordinated by the Mekor Chaim/Steinsaltz Ambassadors program and RPRY at the RPRY Sukkah on Tuesday, Sept 24, starting 6PM. Food, dancing, joy and happiness! All ages are welcome! Contact Rabbi Shmulie Greene at rabbishmulie@steinsaltz.org for more info and sponsorship opportunities

The ACTT

(Achieving Change Through Torah) program, now in its 8th year, helps individuals succeed in making meaningful and lasting changes in their lives. The source book for the entire year is: **Step by Step** compiled by Rabbi Dovid Weinberger. See the ACTT web-site, www.actt613.org, for the current Learning Schedule (Modules page) and for all the event audio presentations. For more info, e-mail info@actt613.org or call Phil Rosen (732) 572-8762.

VOLUNTEER FOR CNJKIDS

Every Jewish K-8 day school in our geographic area has an open invitation to partner with Central New Jersey Kehilot Investing in Day Schools, Inc. If you are interested in volunteering to help mitigate future tuition increases at local Jewish K-8 day schools that have agreed to partner with CNJKIDS, please send an e-mail with your name, e-mail address, and phone number to cnkids@gmail.com.

BIKUR CHOLIM OF RARITAN VALLEY

Bikur Cholim has received a donation of an adult powered wheelchair. We are looking for someone who can use it. If you are interested or know someone in need of a power wheelchair, please contact Sharon Glaser at sharonnglaser@gmail.com

NJ YACHAD SUPPORT GROUP

NJ Yachad, in partnership with the Jewish Federation of Middlesex County, is proud to offer a monthly parent support group for families who have children with special needs. For more info please contact Chani Herrmann at aherrmann@ou.org.

NECHAMA COMFORT

Then entire Congregation is invited to a Parlor Meeting and Community Awareness Event to learn about an incredibly important organization, NechamaComfort. The event will take place Monday, October 14 at the Kreitman home at 8:00 PM sharp.

FOR WOMEN

- Mrs. Miri Cohen's ladies Parsha class will resume in the fall.

-Mrs. Leah Drillman's Shimiras Haloshon class for women will resume after the Yomim Tovim. For more info, please call Ellen at [201-410-1893](tel:201-410-1893) or [732-777-6787](tel:732-777-6787).

--The Women's AMEN Group meets weekly on Sundays at 9:30 AM in a downstairs classroom at Cong Ohr Torah. The group meets in the zechus of a refuah shelaimah for Menachem Mordechai ben Ophira and other Cholim in the community.

-Collecting Sheitels: Keren Kol Kallah - established to provide orphan and destitute kallahs in Israel with essential needs. Donated custom sheitels, some brand-new, some gently worn, are sold to women in Israel who would not otherwise have the funds to buy a quality wig. All money raised at the sale goes towards a hachnasas kallah fund which helps needy brides in Eretz Yisrael. Sheitels can be dropped off by Aviva, 16 Edgemount Rd, Edison. For more info, please see contact Aviva Siegel (732) 572-4408 siegelmom@optonline.net -Tiferes, a Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation program for women has weekly teleconferences with topics such as shalom bayis and parenting are also available to Tiferes members. For more information or to become a member, please contact Aviva siegelmom@optonline.net or Debbie Schneider [732-572-4713](tel:732-572-4713). The Highland Park / Edison group of Tiferes is zecher l'nishmas Malka bas Shalom, Malky Herzig

SPECIAL NEEDS SUPPORT GROUP

Please join (or refer a friend to) the Parent Support Group for parents of the children with special needs. This group is cosponsored by Yachad and the Jewish Federation of Middlesex County and is intended solely for parents of the children with special needs. There is no fee and the group meets monthly on Sunday evenings. Please contact Emile Berk (emile.berk@gmail.com) for further details or to learn more.

EMPLOYMENT NETWORK OF RARITAN VALLEY

Looking for work? We can help. Go to www.ENRV.org or contact Bob Lansey at ENRVInfo@gmail.com. We post over 100 jobs

each month, and help people with their resume and search strategies.

Please help: If you know of any professional, part-time, or temporary job openings, please e-mail the info to ENRVInfo@gmail.com

ISRAEL MISSION

Ahavas Achim invites you to join the Goldberg and Schilowitz families on our 12th annual Israel Mission, from January 15-27, 2014. The mission will include roundtrip non-stop flights on El Al Israel Airlines from Newark, 8 nights at the King Solomon Hotel, 2 nights at the Carlton in Tel Aviv, 3 day touring excursion with experienced guides, full Israeli breakfast daily, dinners in Tel Aviv, Friday night and Shabbat lunch on both Shabbatot, tips, transfers, and handling. The cost per person (based on double occupancy) is \$2099 plus airport tax and fuel surcharge (currently \$689). Registration is available on a first come, first serve basis with a deposit of \$150 per person by Monday, Oct 7. To register, visit the mission website at www.arieltours.com/aamission. Questions can be directed to aamission@arieltours.com

PARK MIKVAH

The Edison / Highland Park Mikvah will be open Sunday – Thursday from 9-11pm. YOM TOV and Friday nights are by APPOINTMENT ONLY. Please make your appointment by 8:30 PM the day before the Chag. Saturday night September 7th, the hours are 9:15pm to 11:00pm. The remaining Saturday nights in September, the hours are 9:00pm - 11pm. You must arrive and leave during regular Mikvah hours. Fee is \$20. OUT OF HOURS: additional \$20. For additional information or to schedule an appointment, please call [732-249-2411](tel:732-249-2411). As we are preparing for our annual VIRTUAL TEA, if you are a new member to the community, or you have not received our mailings in the past, please email your address and phone number to the Park Mikvah at hpmikvah@gmail.com.

KEYLIM MIKVAH HOURS OF OPERATION

Ohr Torah Keylim Mikvah hours are, officially, 7:15 – 9:45 AM on Sunday mornings. Additionally, the Keylim Mikvah can be used when the Shul is open during Minyan hours. The Shul is locked (for security purposes) during non-Minyan hours. If you need special access, please speak to a Shul Gabbai. Please leave the area clean and neat.

LOCAL ERUV

Please call 732-247-ERUV for status of the Eruv.

Yom Kippur

Mincha	2 PM & 3:30 PM
Candlelighting	6:51 PM
Kol Nidre	6:55 PM

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PLEASE NOTE: Please make sure that you leave a contact/callback name and phone # in case here is a question regarding the item you wish to be printed, otherwise it may not be included.