



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi

Robert Kreitman - President

Parsha Vaera – Rosh Chodesh

Shevet 1, 5773

January 12, 2013

Candlelighting: 4:33PM
Mincha: 4:40PM
Shacharis: 7:45, & 9:00 AM
Please Note: No YFM This Week
Rabbi Hoffman's Shiur on Minchas Chinuch ater Hashkama
Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA): 9:43AM
Rabbi Luban's Gemara Sotah Shiur: 3:30 pm
Mincha: 1:30 & 4:30 PM
Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Mel Barenholtz
Maariv: 5:40PM
Weekday Shacharis:
Sun 7:15, 8 & 9 AM
Mon, Thurs 6:17, 7:05, 8 AM
Earliest Talis and Tefillin:
 6:22 Monday, 6:21 Thursday
Tues., Wed., Fri. 6:30, 7:10, 8 AM
Weekday Mincha/ Maariv: 4:40 PM
Weekday Maariv 7:30 & 10:10 PM
Rabbi Luban's Sheilos Uteshuvos shiur:
 Monday 9:10 PM
 Tuesday Tehillim – 9:50 PM
Daf Yomi Winter Schedule
 Mon.-Thurs: After 7:30 Maariv. Friday: After Kabbalas Shabbos. Shabbos- 8:15 or after hashkama minyan. Sun: After 8 AM Shacharis

MAZEL TOV
 ...to Riki & Robert Kreitman on the bar mitzvah of their son Rafi. Mazel tov to the grandparents, Claire Kreitman and Henry & Sheila Schanzers, to Rafi's brothers and sisters, aunts, uncles, cousins and extended family.

KIDDUSH
 Riki & Robert Kreitman are sponsoring the Kiddush in honor of Rafi's Bar Mitzvah.
SHALOSH SEUDOS
 Shalosh Seudos this week is co-sponsored by:
 -the Woloch and Schechter families to commemorate the Yahrzeit of Elise's father Yerachmiel ben Chaim Issur, Z"L and the Yahrzeit of Gary and Eddie's mother Leah bas Henoch, A"H.
 -Penny and Michael Kaplan in honor of the Yahrzeit of Yoel ben Yisroel, Penny's father A"H.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS
 Please welcome new members:
 -Dr. & Mrs. Cliff Lacy
 -Rebecca and Joshua Cypess

CONDOLENCES
 -We regret to inform you that Mrs. Ruth Hansell, mother of Mrs. Golda Pearlman-Bossewitch, has passed away. Shiva will be observed at 612 South Park Avenue, Highland Park, through Thursday morning, January 17.
 -We regret to inform you of the passing of Mr. Alex Lowinger, A"H, the father of Eddie Lowinger. Shiva will be observed at 72-14 136th Street, Kew Garden Hills until Tuesday night January 15. Eddie will return to Highland Park on Wednesday, January 16 and complete shiva at River Ridge Apartments, 30 South Adelaide Avenue, Apt 4K, Highland Park, NJ. Shiva will end Thursday morning, January 17. Shacharis Wednesday is at 7:10 AM, Thursday at 7:05 AM, and Mincha at 4:35 PM Wednesday.
 May you be comforted among the mourners of Tzion and Yerushalayim.

SENIOR LUNCH & LEARN
 On Tuesday, February 5, at noon, we will hold our 2nd Senior Lunch & Learn Program. The program will include a light lunch followed by a video presentation entitled "Sugihara-Conspiracy of Kindness". The program is open to all seniors in the community. The cost of the program is \$10/person for all who register and pay by

February 1 and \$15/person for all who register thereafter. Please respond to either Bella Lerner (blerner18@optonline.net or 732-317-1786), Mildred Goldblatt (732-572-1712) or Marcia Pfeffer (ppfeffer@verizon.net or 732-572-5998).

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORTHODOX FORUM
 The Orthodox Forum of Edison/Highland Park will present Ambassador Daniel C. Kurtzer on the topic "What Next in the Middle East: War, Peace, Status Quo?" on Motzei Shabbat January 12, 2013, 8:00 pm at Congregation Ohr Torah, 48 Edgemount Road, Edison. He will discuss the current situation and provide context for the role he thinks the US should play in addressing these issues.
 Ambassador Kurtzer served as the United States Ambassador to Israel from 2001 to 2005, and prior to that as US Ambassador to Egypt. He spent a 29-year career in the US Foreign Service before joining the faculty at Princeton in 2006. The author of several books on Arab-Israeli peacemaking, he served as advisor to the Iraq Study Group and currently advises or helps direct several Middle East related academic institutions.

ANNUAL KOLLEL BREAKFAST AT OT
 The fifth annual breakfast for the Highland Park/Edison Kollel will IY'H take place in the downstairs Kiddush room Sunday Morning, January 13th 2013 at 9:30 AM. Mr. Alan Borck, Chairman of the 5th Annual Highland Park Community Kollel Breakfast, is pleased to announce that the Guest of Honor at this years breakfast will be Mr. David Goldberg. The Oheiv Torah Award will be presented to Mr. Dovid Zaslavsky, and the Guest Speaker will be Rabbi Shraga Gross, Principal at the Rabbi Paysach Raymon Yeshiva in Edison. For further info please contact Alan Borck at (732) 789-9119 or at borck99@gmail.com.

KHAL CHASSIDIM MALAVA MALKA
 The Khal Chassidim of Highland Park will be holding their Annual Melava Malka at the all new Chabad at Rutgers in New Brunswick on Motzai Shabbos, February 2, 2013 at 8:00 PM. Guests of honor are Yaakov and Barbara Clark.
 Also honoring and remembering Survivors of the Holocaust whose spirit of rebuilding continues on: Mr. and Mrs. Alex and Agnes Lowinger, Mrs. Rachael Lefkovitis and the memory of her dear husband Omre a"h, and Mrs. Sondra Schwartz and the memory of her dear husband Nicholas a"h. Musical kumzitz with Sruli Wulliger! For more information, please contact Dr. E. Kuznetz @ 908-208-9321.

MISHMAR
 RPRY Mishmar learning program is held at RPRY every Motzei Shabbat @ 7:00
 Please bring your own seforim. Cost is still only \$3.00 which includes, pizza, donuts, prizes and raffles

HASC MARATHON
 Eliana Diament is running a half marathon in Pasadena, California on February 17, 2013. She is participating as a member of Team HASC. The HASC summer program is an inclusive sleepaway

KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP
 Kiddush sponsorship is available for January 26th and February 2nd, 16th & 23rd. 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.
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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
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
 For housekeeping issues and inquiries contact Lou Smith at ludeeju@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-

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camp for children and adults with developmental disabilities. To support this wonderful program, log on to Eliana's page at <http://www.teamhasc.com/fundraise?fcid=209763> or send a check payable to HASC, to Eliana at 3 Opatut Ct Edison, NJ 08817. Each and every donation is appreciated.

NORPAC

When we met with Senators and Representatives during our 2012 Mission to Washington, we shared with them the importance of the Iron Dome system and asked for their continued support of this vital program.

During the recent Pillar of Defense operation the Iron Dome system shot down 421 of the 1500 rockets launched by Hamas terrorists at Israeli civilian population centers. The system destroyed 90% of missiles that it targeted while 'ignoring' the 900 rockets which it determined would not land on populated areas. You can imagine how different the outcome would have been had these 421 missiles struck innocent civilians.

Congress listens to our voices as it considers such issues as expansion of the Iron Dome, U.S. aid to Israel and Iran Sanctions. That is why it is crucial that you join us on May 8th, 2013 for the Norpac Mission to Washington where we will again advocate for the imperative of the U.S.-Israel relationship and for critical legislation. Add your voice to make a difference. You can register directly online on our website or by calling us at (201) 788-5133. We look forward to seeing you then. Thank you, Richard Schluskel, MD, David Steinberg Mission Chairman.

BIKUR CHOLIM

The Bikur Cholim of Raritan Valley cordially invites you to attend the 18th Annual Event on Sunday, February 10, 2013 at 6:00 PM in the evening at the Pines Manor, 2085 Route 27, Edison. The guest speaker is Rabbi, Dr. Tzvi Hersh Weinreb, Executive Director Emeritus, Orthodox Union. Covert \$36 per person. A meat buffet dinner will be served. Please make every effort to attend and support this worthy community organization. Send in your reservations now!!! For more information, please call the Bikur Cholim hotline 732-572-7181.

JEC RAV TEITZ MESIVTA ACADEMY

The Jewish Educational Center is excited to announce its new MASMIDIM TRACK in the Rav Teitz Mesivta Academy Boys' High School Division *Under the guidance of HaRav Elazar Mayer Teitz, Rav Ha-Ir of Elizabeth, NJ*

Commencing for the incoming 9th Grade in 2013-4

Program Features:

-6 Day a Week Limudei Kodesh Curriculum.
-Including Gemara, Halacha, Chumash, Navi, and a Bekiyus Shiur that is aligned with Yeshiva University's High School Incentive Program.
-3 Nights a Week Mishmar and Night Seder.
-Jewish Machshava (Philosophy) Course.
-Full Integration with RTMA's General Studies Program.
English Composition & Literature, Math, Science, History, Ivrit, AP Courses, SAT Prep, and many co and extra-curricular opportunities including: Torah Bowl, College Bowl, Model UN, Debate Team, International Gildor Science Competition, Chesed, Social Action, Clubs and Sports Teams.
OPEN HOUSES WILL TAKE PLACE IN COMMUNITIES FOLLOWING WINTER BREAK

PLEASE CHECK WEBSITE RTMA.THEJEC.ORG FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND SCHEDULE

For more information, please contact Rabbi Eliyahu Teitz, Associate Dean at edteitz@thejec.org or 908-355-4850, extension 112.

WEEKLY SHIUR THURSDAYS AT KHAL CHASSIDIM

The community is invited to a weekly shiur, Emunah and Bitachon, Facing Life's Challenges Successfully, given by Rabbi Yisrael Weiss in the zechus refuah shlaima of Moshe Shmuel ben Tzivia, Yisrael Chaim ben Rachel and Sara bas Leah. The shiur meets Thursday nights 9:15 at Rabbi Horowitz's Shtieble, 46 North 8th Ave. Men and women are invited.

ACTT

Save the Date! ACTT (Achieving Change through Torah) will be sponsoring an inspirational evening on Motzai Shabbos, February 16, 2013 at 9:00 PM at Congregation Ahavas Achim. Speaker: Rabbi Sam Ash, Rabbinic Intern of Congregation Ohr Torah. Module: Bitachon – Trust in Hashem. Source book: Rabbi Eliezer Parkoff's "Chizuk – A Primer on Bitachon, Coping, and Hope". Admission is free. Sponsors are welcome. For more info, e-mail info@actt613.org or call Phil Rosen (732) 572-8762 or Aviva Siegel (732) 572-4408.

OB NETWORKING MEETING

Employment Network of Raritan Valley Looking for work? We can help. Go to www.ENRV.org or contact Bob Lansey at enrv@verizon.net. 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 information to enrv@verizon.net.

TU B'SHEVAT SEDER –

The Raritan Valley Chapter of Hadassah and Raritan Valley Young Women's Hadassah, L'Dor V'Dor will be holding our annual joint Tu B'Shevav Seder on Tuesday, Jan 22, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. at the Highland Park Senior Center.

The Seder will feature fruits and nuts mentioned in the Bible making a tasty and colorful array. \$5 couvert at the door. Light refreshments will be provided. Members, non-members, and families are welcome to attend! For more info/ RSVP, call Neshama at 908-227-4869 or email Celeste at YWHadassahEvents@yahoo.com.

FOR WOMEN

- Rebbitzin Eichenstein's classes for women only: No class on Sunday, January 13, 2013; Parsha class on Monday, January 14 at 8:00 PM at Congregation Ohr Torah. For more info, please contact Aviva Siegel at 732-572-4408 siegelmom@optonline.net, Ricki Stern 732-828-6939 rickistern@yahoo.com.

- Mrs. Miri Cohen's ladies Parsha class will resume on Tuesday morning, January 29.

- Ladies and girls movie night sponsored by Reenas Bais Yaakov. Motzai Shabbos January 12th at 7:30 pm at Agudath Israel 1131 Raritan Ave.

Price: first ticket \$18.00, 2nd ticket \$16.00, 3rd ticket \$15.00. January 12th movie: The Truth About Dr. Chely. Proceeds to go to Bayit Lepletot,

Girls Town, Israel. To reserve tickets: 732-339-0908 or 732-887-1906 or

-COMING UP for Young Mothers: How to Cope with Stress & Anxiety - A Confidential Phone Conference with SPARKS (Serving Pre & Post-natal women & families with Awareness, Relief, Knowledge, and Support) and Rebbetzin Rivkah Eichenstein. Wed, Jan 16 from 9-10 PM (EST). Call 718-873-0922, press 9 when you hear the recording, and enter PIN 2757. Tell your friends! Confidential Crisis Hotline: 718-277-2757x2... for help, referrals, or a shoulder to lean on.

- The Women's AMEN Group meets weekly on Sundays at 9:30 AM in a downstairs classroom at Congregation Ohr Torah. To participate in challah baking or saying Shir Hashirim in the zechus of a refuah shlaimah for Menachem Mordechai ben Ophira and Rav Chaim Zev ben Etel Chaya, please contact E.J. Berman at 732-991-8090 or EJPartyworks@aol.com.

- Tiferes, a Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation program for women, will meet Motzai Shabbos, January 19 at 8:30 PM at the home of Aviva Siegel, 16 Edgemount Road, Edison, NJ. An inspirational DVD will be shown. 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. The Highland Park / Edison group of Tiferes is zecher l'nishmas Malka bas Shalom, Malky Herzig.

PARK MIKVAH HOURS

PARK MIKVAH – EXPANDED HOURS for Motzai Shabbos: The Edison / Highland Park Mikvah will be open Sunday – Thursday from 8:30- 10:30 PM. Friday nights are by APPOINTMENT ONLY. Motzai Shabbos: Jan 12: 7:00 PM– 10:30 PM. You must arrive and leave during regular Mikvah hours. Fee is \$15. OUT OF HOURS: additional \$20. For additional information or to schedule an appointment, please call 732-249-2411.

KEYLIM MIKVAH HOURS OF OPERATION

Ohr Torah Kelim Mikvah hours are officially 7 – 10 AM on Sunday mornings. Additionally the Kelim Mikvah can be used when the Shul is open during Minyan hours. The Ohr Torah Shul (for security purposes) is locked during non-Minyan/learning usage. If you need special access, please speak with a Shul Gabbai. Please leave the area clean and neat.

LOCAL ERUV

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

Parshat Bo

Candlelighting:	4:41PM
Mincha:	4:50 PM

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