



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi

Robert Kreitman - President

Parshas Vayechi

11 Tevet 5774

December 14, 2013

Candlelighting: 4:13 PM
Mincha: 4:05 PM
Shacharis: 7:45, 9:00 & 9:15 AM
Rabbi Hoffman's Shiur after Hashkama
Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA): 9:32 AM
Rabbi Luban's Sota Shiur : 3:15PM
Mincha: 1:30 & 4:05 PM
Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Leon Glaser
Maariv: 5:15 PM
Weekday Shacharis:
Sunday 7:15, 8 & 9 AM
Mon & Thur 6:20, 7:05, 8 AM
Tues., Wed., & Fri. 6:30, 7:05, 8 AM
Weekday Mincha/ Maariv: 4:20 PM
Weekday Maariv 7:30 & 10:10 PM
Rabbi Luban's Sheilos U'teshuvos Shiur:
9:10 PM Monday
, Tuesday Tehillim: 9:50 PM
Wednesday Night Kollel Learning: 8-10:10 PM
DAF YOMI SCHEDULE FOR WINTER:
 Shabbos Morning – 8:15 AM and/ or after
 Hashkama. Sunday: After 8 AM Shacharis
 Monday – Thursday: after 7:30 Maariv

MAZEL TOV

... to Debbie & Hesh Granek on the birth of 4 granddaughters; Kayla Rachel Benedict, Tehila Rachel Zohn, Yaelle Michal Ganz & Chana Leeba Benedict. Mazel Tov to the parents and all of the extended families.

...to Barbara and Jerry Belsh and to Georgi and Saul London on the birth of a daughter to their children, Sammy & Tova. Mazel Tov to the great-grandparents and to the many aunts, uncles, and cousins, both within and outside the community.

... to Debby and Greg Botvinik upon their son Jordan's commission as a 2nd lieutenant of the US Army ROTC at Fordham University as well as his graduation from Yeshiva University. Mazel Tov to Jordan's brothers, Andrew, Noah and Aaron and the entire Levine and Botvinik families..

KIDDUSH

Kiddush is being co-sponsored by:

- Lill and Bob Lansey in honor of their children and grandchildren.

-the Graneks in honor of the birth of four granddaughters.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos is sponsored by Elisha and Martin Klein in memory of the Yahrzeit of Martin's mother Yehudis bas Horav Moshe Chaim A"H.

BNEI AKIVA

Bnei Akiva starts at 3:30pm this week.

RABBI SHLOMO ZWICKLER VISITS

Rabbi Shlomo Zwickler, Executive Director of American Friends of Beit Orot, will be spending Shabbat Shemot, Dec. 20-21, in Highland Park with Marsha and Yosef Schreiber, who will be honored at the Beit Orot dinner in NYC on January 8, 2014. Beit Orot is playing a critical role in helping to ensure a unified Jewish Jerusalem. Rabbi Zwickler will speak at Ohr Torah at the Hashkama Minyan, and on Motzaei Shabbat at 8pm at a location to be announced. For more info on Beit Orot call Marsha or Yosef.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The General Membership Meeting which will include the election of the next Ohr Torah Governing Board will take place on Monday, December 23 at 8:30 PM.

THANK YOU

The Blum family expresses their sincere gratitude to the community for their support in a most difficult time.

NEW MEMBER

Please welcome new members:
 -Payam and Joanne Hanian

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

RPRY SCHOLARSHIP FUND BREAKFAST

The Annual Toby Mayer Memorial Scholarship Fund Breakfast will take place Sunday morning, December 22, 2013 at 9:30 A.M. This year's Educational Excellence Award will be presented to Mrs. Michal Falk. The breakfast is the keynote event of RPRY's annual scholarship fund campaign, which helps the Yeshiva continue in its mission to provide a Jewish day school education to every Jewish child, regardless of the family's ability to pay.

6TH ANNUAL HP COMMUNITY KOLLEL BREAKFAST

Please note that the 6th Annual Breakfast on behalf of the Highland Park Community Kollel will take place at Congregation Ohr Torah Sunday Morning, Dec 29th 2013 at 9:30am. The Highland Park Community Kollel is pleased to announce that Dr. Barry Schanzer will be chairing this year's Annual Community Breakfast. The Kollel will be honoring Drs. Jeff and Lee Ann Schein. The Kollel will as well be bestowing the *Ohev Torah Award* upon Mr. Mitchell Rottenstreich. The Guest Speaker will be Rabbi Yosef Eichenstein, Rosh HaYeshiva of Rabbi Jacob Joseph School (RJJ), Edison. We look forward to greeting you there.

RPRY MISHMAR PROGRAM

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
 Sharon Stern [732-777-7326](tel:732-777-7326)

THE SURI GRANEK TOMCHE SHABBOS

Since 2009, The Suri Granek Tomche Shabbos has been providing food for Shabbos and Yom Tov to those in need in our community. Each and every Shabbos we deliver everything from meat, challah and grape juice, to fresh fruits and vegetables. As with any community organization, we can only succeed with dedicated volunteers and the community's generosity. We are looking for volunteers to help us create new and exciting fundraising activities and programs, so that we can continue in our mission.

Please contact us at info@tomcheshabbosmc.org.

Donations can be mailed to:

The Suri Granek Tomche Shabbos PO Box 1341 Highland Park, NJ 08904

AUCTION/CASINO NIGHT @ AHAVAS ACHIM, DEC 28TH

Congregation Ahavas Achim invites community members to join us for a fun-filled Goods & Services Auction/Casino Night at the shul on Saturday/December 28th, starting at 8:00 pm. Admission is \$25 per person and includes \$20 in casino chips and refreshments. Advance ticket sales offer discounts such as \$60 in auction script for \$50 or \$125 in auction script for \$100. For more information, call 732.247.0532 or email secretary@ahavasachim.org

RJJ LADIES LUNCHEON & CHINESE AUCTION

KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP

Kiddush sponsorship is available for January 18th & 25th and February 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd. 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 EitzChayim 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 RefuahShleimah 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

E-MAIL LIST

To get on the Ohr Torah e-mail list, please contact Gene Wasserman at genew@compugene.com.

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

The Annual RJJ Ladies Luncheon will be taking place this Sunday, December 15th at 12:00 noon at Congregation Ohr Torah, honoring Mrs. Adina Pruzansky and Mrs. Nitza Bodlander. Come for the most exciting event of the year. There will be a Chinese Auction with fabulous prizes! Laugh along with the well-known comedian, Leah Forster Baby-sitting will be provided. Please RSVP for babysitting – [732-985-1866](tel:732-985-1866). Come and bring a friend!

RPRY

Rabbi Pesach Raymon Yeshiva, a National Blue Ribbon School, invites prospective and current students, toddlers through age 6, and their parents to "SHMA UNDER THE STARS". This will be held Saturday night, Dec 14, from 7:00-8:00 PM. at RPRY. Light refreshments will be served. RSVP to our Early Childhood Specialist, Mrs. Helene Lockspeiser [732-572-5052 ext. 215](tel:732-572-5052).

CPR/FIRST AID TRAINING

The Ahavas Achim youth department is organizing a day of Adult/Child CPR and First Aid training. It will take place on Sunday, Dec 15th from 9:00-4:00 and will be led by Ari Lewitter. The cost for this life-saving opportunity is \$70 per person and is open to both teenagers and adults. Please contact Rafi Katz at spedteach289@yahoo.com or [732-985-9161](tel:732-985-9161) for more info or to register. The deadline for registration is Sunday, Dec 1st.

REBBETZIN ESTHER JUNGREIS KEYNOTE AT MRS. CHAYA NEWMAN MEMORIAL THIS MOTSAI SHABBOS

Please join hundreds of Bruriah alumnae, faculty (past and present), students, colleagues, friends and community members at the Jewish Educational Center's Bruriah Campus - 35 North Ave, Elizabeth, NJ, THIS Coming Mtsai Shabbos Dec. 14 at 7:30PM for the Inaugural Lecture in Memory of Mrs. Chaya Newman, a'h, Bruriah's Former Principal and World Renowned Educator. Featuring Rebbetzin Esther Jungreis as Keynote on "Turning Negatives Into Positives". Open to the Public and Free of Charge. For more information, please visit: Bruriah.theJEC.org or call Alumni Relations at [908-355-4850, ext. 6214](tel:908-355-4850), alumni@theJEC.org.

JFVS EVENT IN SUPPORT OF HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR SERVICES

The number of Middlesex County Holocaust survivors in need of services and their level of need continues to grow as they become older and frailer. Community dollars are required to allow JFVS to continue to provide home care, housekeeping, Kosher Meals on Wheels, and transportation for Holocaust survivors. Please join us at a Supper and Show in support of Holocaust Survivor Services Supper & Show Featuring JOHN PIZZI Comedian, ventriloquist, magician (America's Got Talent/ David Letterman) Dec 14, 2013 at 8PM at JFK Conference Center 70 James St, Edison \$50 pp Catered by Jerusalem Pizza. Go to www.JFVS.org or call 732-777-1940 If you can't attend, please purchase a raffle for a 7 Day Celebrity Lines Cruise: \$36 each or 3 for \$100. Or purchase a raffle for a new Apple iPad (\$25/raffle ticket). See or call Murray Katz for raffle tickets (732-985-7348)

CAMP SHOSHANIM

Info session for CAMP SHOSHANIM at the home of Shmuel and Esther Greene, 38 South Fourth Ave, at 8PM on Sunday, Dec 15. Camp Shoshanim

is exclusively for girls entering grades 3-10, located in Lake Como, PA, in our glatt kosher, peanut free facility. Camp sessions run from June 30 to August 18th, 2014. Options for 3, 4 and 7 week sessions as well as a 5-day "Taste of Shoshanim" program. Call or email for more info (973) 575-3333 ext 171.

shoshanim@njcamps.org

Staff positions also available. Campers, potential campers and their parents are welcome to attend. www.campshoshanim.org

FOR WOMEN

-Rebbitzen Eichenstein's classes for women: No class on Sunday, Dec. 15; Parsha class on Monday, Dec. 16 at 8PM at Cong Ohr Torah. For more info, please contact Aviva Siegel at [732-572-4408 siegelmom@optonline.net](tel:732-572-4408), Ricki Stern [732-828-6939 rickistern@yahoo.com](tel:732-828-6939).

-Mrs. Miri Cohen's Parsha class: Monday, Dec. 16 at 9 AM at the home of Rikki Samel, 427 Dennison St, Highland Park.

-Mrs. Leah Drillman's Shimiras Haloshon class: Monday night, Dec. 16 from 7:30 to 8:15 PM at the home of Ellen Smith, 407 North Eighth Ave., Edison. For more info, please call Ellen at [201-410-1893](tel:201-410-1893) or [732-777-6787](tel:732-777-6787).

-SemPlus shiur for post seminary girls on Wednesday, Dec. 18 at the Aguda, upstairs classroom. For more info, please call [908-420-0253](tel:908-420-0253).

- WEDNESDAY MORNING SHIUR FOR WOMEN Ahavas Achim University presents a new shiur for women by Rabbi Miodownik on "Exploring the Siddur." Wed. from 10:30-11:15 am. in the Beit Midrash.

-Join women of all ages from the Highland Park/Edison community and beyond as we learn together at Rabbi Bassous's Sunday morning classes. We meet at Cong. Etz Ahaim, 230 Dennison Street, Highland Park 10-11 AM. We are now learning from the book "The Six Constant Mitzvos" by Rabbi Yitzchak Berkowitz. -Tiferes, a Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation program for women, will meet THIS Motzai Shabbos, December 14 at 8:15 PM at the home of Aviva Siegel, 16 Edgemount Road, Edison. An inspirational DVD will be shown. Title: "Hard Work – Is it Worth It?"; Speakers: Mrs. Rivka Katz and Mrs. Rochel Goldbaum. 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.

- 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

KIDNEY NEEDED

My close friend, Jewish Male (52) father of 2, is in desperate need of a kidney (Type O blood). Please respond via the Renewal Organization at R652@renewal.org. Please have Tzvi ben Frimmet in your Tefillos for a Refuah Shleimah.

AREYVUT TEEN CARNIVAL

Areyvut, a non-profit based in Bergenfield. Areyvut's mission is to infuse the lives of Jewish youth and teens with the core Jewish values of kindness, charity, and social action. This January

1st, we are hosting a New Year's Day Carnival Extravaganza fundraiser at the Garden State Exhibit Center. There will be more than 15 mechanical and inflatable rides, carnival booths and games, kosher food, and live entertainment for all ages. Areyvut, Inc. P: [201-244-6702](tel:201-244-6702) shoshana@areyvut.org www.areyvut.org

NCSY

1. We would like to invite all NCSYers grade 9-12, to our home for Fri. night onegs! Please be aware of the TIME CHANGE! It will be from 7:30-9:30!
2. Challahfest- every other Thursday! From 7:30-9!! Come learn all about the beautiful mitzvah of baking challah and then have fun shaping and braiding your very own challah!!
3. Boys learning with Yoni and Adam every Thursday night from 9-9:45!! Check out the Facebook page or contact Yoni Sherman or Adam Barouk for more info regarding location.
4. Bible & BBQ every Tuesday at Park Place from 7:30-9 Hang out with friends, enjoy free dinner, and learn awesome Torah!!
5. Sunday, Dec 15th- Talmud & tacos with Sammy! 7pm-8pm
6. THIS Monday, Dec 16th- Seniors and Sundaes. From 8-9pm. All 12th graders are invited for an info session on applying for college and/or Israel programs. Session given by Mrs. Yardena Bennett, NCSY senior and Alumni coordinator.
9. Motzi Shabbos, Dec 21- melav malka and chessed event with Sew Adorable Fabric! Enjoy pizza and make beautiful heart pillows for cancer patients at the Meir Hospital in Kfar Saba. Only \$10. a person.
10. Want to have a summer experience like none other?! Check out newjersey.ncsy.org to see all the incredible summer programs we have to offer!

PARK MIKVAH

The Edison/Highland Park Mikvah will be open Sunday-Thursday 8:30pm to 10:30pm, and Saturday nights 7:30pm to 10:pm. Friday nights are BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. You must arrive and leave during regular Mikvah hours. Fee is \$20. OUT OF HOURS: additional \$20. For more info or to schedule an appointment, please call 732-249-2411

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.

Parshas Shemot	
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Mincha	4:25 PM

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