



# Congregation Ohr Torah

## Weekly Announcements

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48 Edgemount Road Edison, NJ 08817

**Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi**

**Robert Kreitman - President**

*Parsha Shemot*

*Tevet 23, 5773*

*January 5, 2013*

**Candlelighting:** 4:26PM  
**Mincha:** 4:35PM  
**Shacharis:** 7:45, 9 & 9:15 AM  
*Rabbi Hoffman's Shiur on Minchas Chinuch ater Hashkama*  
**Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA):** 9:42AM  
*Rabbi Luban's Gemara Sotah Shiur: 3:30 pm*  
**Mincha:** 1:30 & 4:20 PM  
*Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Larry Greenman*  
**Maariv:** 5:30PM  
**Weekday Shacharis:**  
**Sun** 7:15, 8 & 9 AM  
**Mon, Thurs** 6:17, 7:05, 8 AM  
*Earliest Talis and Tefillin:*  
*6:23 Monday, 6:22 Thursday*  
**Tues., Wed., Fri.** 6:30, 7:10, 8 AM  
  
**Weekday Mincha/ Maariv:** 4:35 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 Miriam and David Hanfling on the marriage of Jessica to Basim Kavesch. Mazel Tov to the extended Hanfling, Rajchgod, Lehmann, and Kavesch families.  
 ...to Elie and Awi Salomon on the birth of a baby boy. Mazel Tov to big brother Jack and grandparents Mel and Haren Haller and Benny and Rachel Salomon. The entire Congregation is invited to the Shalom Zachor at 329 North 5th Ave starting at 7:45 PM.

**KIDDUSH**  
 Kiddush this week is sponsored by the Poleyeff and Wolf families for the 1st Yahrzeit of Rabbi Israel Poleyeff, Harav Yisrael ben Harav Moshe Aaron.  
**SHALOSH SEUDOS**  
 Shalosh seudos this week is sponsored by Larry and Miriam Greenman to commemorate the Yahrzeit of Larry's father, Reb Gershon Mordechai ben Reb Yehoshua Menachem, and the Yahrzeit of Miriam's Father, Rav Yosef Yochanan ben Reb Avraham.

**OHR TORAH ANNUAL YOUTH RAFFLE**  
 Please help support Ohr Torah's youth groups by purchasing raffle ticket(s). The cost of the tickets are one for \$36, two for \$70, or 3 for \$100. The drawing will be held at the annual Shul dinner. Please contact Barry Siegel, Jeff Klein, Charlie Gershbaum, Lyndon Goldsmith or Meir Berg to purchase tickets. All proceeds support the OT Youth programs.

**CONDOLENCES**  
 We regret to inform you of the passing of Mr. Samuel Lustiger, the father of Arnie and Alan Lustiger. Shiva will be observed at the Lustiger home at 401 North 8<sup>th</sup> Ave, through Wednesday morning. Shacharis: Sun - 8 AM, Mon - 7:05 AM, Tues - 7:10 AM, Weds - 7:10 AM. Mincha on Sun - Tues will be at 4:35PM. May you be comforted among the mourners of Tzion and Yerushalayim.

**SHIUR FOR WOMEN**  
 There will be a special Shiur for women, this Sunday, January 6th at 10 AM in the Ohr Torah Beit Midrash. The Shiur will be given by Mrs. Smadar Rosensweig. The Shiur is being sponsored by Russell and Nitza Adler l'ilui nishmat Shulamith Yuta bat Harav Aharon Dov (mother of Nitza Adler) in commemoration of her 10th Tahrzeit.

**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.  
**INAUGURAL YA'AD FLOWERS FOR SHABBAT**  
 Help support YAAD and send flowers to someone you love or care about. We will deliver a bouquet of flowers to you on Friday, January 11, Erev Rosh Chodesh. What a way to enter the month of Shevat by giving someone you care about a nice Shabbat treat! Prices are \$15, \$25 and \$35. For questions and ordering information, please email Yaadyouthdirector@gmail.com or call 201-407-6801.

**ANNUAL KOLLEL BREAKFAST AT OT**  
 The fifth annual breakfast for the Highland Park/Edison Kollel will 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 year's breakfast will be Mr. David Goldberg. The Ohev 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](mailto:borck99@gmail.com).

**KHAL CHASSIDIM MALAVA MALKA FUNDRAISER**  
 SAVE the DATE: February 2nd. For the Khal Chassidim Malava Malka Fundraiser, this year honoring survivors of the Holocaust whose spirit of rebuilding continues on - Alex and Agnes Lowinger, Nicholas Schwartz, a'h presented to his dear wife Sandy, and Imre Lefkowitz, a'h presented to his dear wife Rachel. Guests of honor Yaakov and Barbara Clark. Musical kumzitz with Sruli Wulliger! Further details TBA.

**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

**HANETZ MINEYAN**  
 This Shabbat only, Congregation Ahavas Yisrael will be holding a "Hanetz" minyan, beginning at 6:50 AM. AY is located at 1587 Rt. 27 in Edison, corner of Campbell Avenue. Please enter from the glass door by the parking lot.

**HASC MARATHON**  
 Eliana Diamant is running a half marathon in Pasadena, California on February 17, 2013. She is participating as a member of Team HASC. The

**KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP**  
 Kiddush sponsorship is available for January 26<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:mbarenh@yahoo.com). To sponsor a Shalosh Seudos, please contact Moshe Wiesel.

**OHR TORAH NEWSLETTER**  
 To subscribe to these Announcements, please email [info@ohrtorah.net](mailto:info@ohrtorah.net) and request to be added to the distribution.

**BUILDING DEDICATION OPPORTUNITIES**  
 Contact Moshe Schneider at 732-618-4702 or at [mschneider19@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:siegeldad@optonline.net).

**HOUSEKEEPING**  
 For housekeeping issues and inquiries contact Lou Smith at [ludeeju@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:reenagreenspan@yahoo.com) or Gene Wasserman 732-397-0130 or [genew@compugene.com](mailto:genew@compugene.com)

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

HASC summer program is an inclusive sleepaway 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 Schlussel, MD, David Steinberg Mission Chairman.

#### **LOCAL PARTICIPANTS IN JERUSALEM MARATHON**

-Effie Auman is running in the Jerusalem Marathon on behalf of SHALVA. SHALVA is an organization that provides support for mentally and physically challenged children and their families in Israel.

Effie is running as part of the team from Kushner Yeshiva High School, the first American Yeshiva to participate in this marathon. All money raised goes directly to SHALVA. To donate go to:

[http://www.run4shalva.org/view\\_profile.php?id=455](http://www.run4shalva.org/view_profile.php?id=455). If you prefer you may send a check payable to SHALVA to 5 Harrison Ave, Highland Park, NJ 08904. Thank You.

2013 Jerusalem Marathon

-The second annual Jerusalem Marathon, sponsored by Chai Lifeline will be held in Israel on March 1, 2013. Children and their families who suffer from life threatening illnesses need their support. Please help me in this effort by going to <http://www.teamlifeline.org/israel> and sponsor me, Cynthia Boda, Phys. Ed. instructor/Nurse at RPRY Cindy Boda C.P.T. Fit for Life

#### **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**

The ACTT (Achieving Change through Torah) organization helps individuals succeed in making

meaningful and lasting changes in their lives. The ACTT web-site, [www.actt613.org](http://www.actt613.org), contains the audio of the shiurim from the ACTT program and the corresponding module packets. The current ACTT module is "Zerizus". Source book: Rabbi Zelig Pliskin's Artscroll book, "Taking Action – The Joyful Art of Zerizus". To volunteer or for more info on ACTT, e-mail [info@actt613.org](mailto:info@actt613.org), see the ACTT web-site: [www.actt613.org](http://www.actt613.org), or call Phil Rosen (732) 572-8762, or Aviva Siegel (732) 572-4408.

#### **NCSY NEWS**

Join Highland Park NCSY for our weekly Friday night oneg at the Neumans' house, 401 Montgomery st, from 8:15pm-10:45pm. Come and bring a friend!

Additionally, join us and enjoy a shabbos afternoon shiur at 3:00pm at our house 401 Montgomery st. The topic will be, It's Not Shabbostic: a Parental Justification or True Law

This Wednesday we will be continuing our Bible and BBQ program upstairs in Park Place. Come learn anew the foundational stories of Sefer Beraishit and enjoy a Park Place burger on us. The program will start 7:30pm and end at 9pm

#### **OB NETWORKING MEETING**

Employment Network of Raritan Valley Looking for work? We can help. Go to [www.ENRV.org](http://www.ENRV.org) or contact Bob Lansey at [enrv@verizon.net](mailto: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](mailto: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'Shevat 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 covert 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](mailto:YWHadassahEvents@yahoo.com).

#### **FOR WOMEN**

- Mrs. Miri Cohen's ladies Parsha class will meet Tuesday morning, January 8 at 9:00 AM at the home of Ricki Samel, 427 Dennison Street, Highland Park. The shiur gives an overview of the Parsha, as well as an in depth discussion on relevant topics.

-Rebbitzin Eichenstein's classes for women only: Tefillah class on Sunday, January 6 at 10:00 AM at Aguda shule; Parsha class on Monday, January 7 at 8:00 PM at Congregation Ohr Torah. For more info, please contact Aviva Siegel at 732-572-4408 [siegelmom@optonline.net](mailto:siegelmom@optonline.net), Ricki Stern 732-828-6939 [rickenstern@yahoo.com](mailto:rickenstern@yahoo.com)

-Movie night sponsored by Reenas Bais Yaakov. Motzai Shabbos, January 5th and 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 5th movie: The Missing Pages; 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 [reenasby@gmail.com](mailto:reenasby@gmail.com)

-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 shelaimah for Menachem Mordechai ben Ophira and Rav Chaim Zev ben Etsel Chaya, please contact E.J. Berman at 732-991-8090 or [EJPartyworks@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 5, 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.

#### **Parashat Vaera**

Candlelighting:	4:33PM
Mincha:	4:40 PM

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**TELEPHONE:** Call 732-777-6840, press Newsletter option (spell all names)

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