



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Parshas Yitro

17 Shevat 5774

January 18, 2014

Candlelighting: 4:39 PM
Mincha: 4:45PM
Shacharis: 7:45, 9 & 9:15AM
Rabbi Hoffman's Shiur after Hashkama
Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA): 9:42AM
Rabbi Luban's Sotah Shiur : 3:45PM
Mincha: 1:30 & 4:35 PM
Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Meir Kornfeld
Maariv: 5:45 PM
Weekday Shacharis:
Sunday 7:15, 8 & 9 AM
Mon. & Thurs. 6:17, 7:05, 8 & 9 AM
Earliest Tallis/Tefillin on Mon.is 6:20, Thurs. is 6:18
Tues,Wed., & Fri. 6:30, 7:10, 8 & 9 AM
Note 9 AM Shacharis all week
Weekday Mincha/ Maariv: 4:50 PM
Weekday Maariv 7:30 & 10:10 PM
Rabbi Luban's Sheilos U'teshuvos Shiur:
Monday 9:10 PM
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 Didi Deitcher and David Matthew on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Joseph. Mazel Tov to Joseph's sisters Juliet and Reva and to his grandparents Leah Deitcher and Annette and Harvey Matthew and to all the aunts, uncles and cousins.

KIDDUSH

Kiddush is sponsored this week by Nachum and Monique Sorkin in honor of the birth of Samara Revital (aka Olivia Kate), daughter of their children, Shmuel and Lisa Sorkin. May she be a true bracha to her family and to klal Yisrael, amen.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos is sponsored by Barbara and Jerry Belsh in honor of the birth of a granddaughter - Chana Pearl Belsh, daughter of Sammy and Tova Belsh

OHR TORAH ANNUAL SHUL DINNER

The Ohr Torah Annual Dinner will take place on Sunday, February 9, 2014. Our distinguished honorees for the dinner will be Moshe and Glenda Sherman and Zev and Rachele Stern. We are looking forward to greeting each and every one of you at the dinner where we will have the opportunity to pay tribute to these most worthy guests of honor. Ad deadline and reservations are due by 1/31.

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 on February 9th. Please contact Jeff Klein, Robert Krietman, Meir Berg or Charlie Gershbaum to purchase tickets. All proceeds support the OT Youth programs.

BLOOD DONATION NEEDED

A dear member of our community, Harvey Paretzky, is in need of type O blood donations. If you are able to donate blood, please call Lynn Hanfling 732-777-0225 or email docdad@aol.com or Fran Leitman 732-572-9545 or email frleitman@optonline.net for more details.

APPRECIATION KIDDUSH

Kiddush on February 1 will be in honor of Robert and Riki Kreitman in appreciation of their efforts during Robert's presidential term. Sponsorship is \$25. If you would like to be a co-sponsor, please be in touch with Phil Rosen (pwrosen@optimum.net), Elie Wiesel (wiesel@innovatix.com) or Jeff Slepoy (jeffreyslepoy@msn.com).

POLAND PILGRIMAGE

OT is excited to announce its First Community Poland Pilgrimage Journey, July 20-28. The intensive 7 day journey will focus on the rich life and heritage of Polish Jewry as well as very meaningful visits to the major sites of the Shoah. Join Rabbi Luban and other community members on this memorable journey. For more details contact Nitzza Adler at 732-819-9294 or email at morahnitzza28@gmail.com or Rachele Stern at 732-247-0766 rachele_stern@yahoo.com

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS RABBI LEIBTAG SPEAKING AT OE

Rabbi Leibtag will be speaking at OE on Saturday Night, Jan. 18th at 8:30pm on "Four Shabbatot in Sefer Shmot". Suggested donation is \$10 per person. For further info contact Steve Deutsch at forsang@juno.com.

NORPAC MISSION

Join us on our annual Mission to Washington event to support the U.S.-Israel relationship on Wednesday, April 30 2014. On a single-day trip you will meet with Members of Congress and their staff, and share your concerns with them about foreign aid to Israel, Iran sanctions, security cooperation, and more. Help us make a difference once again! Buses leave for Washington from our area at 6:30 AM and return between 9-10 PM. There will be briefings on the bus. All meals will be provided. Register now for the early bird discount: www.norpac.net or call (201) 788-5133 Adults - \$125, Students - \$75 (must be over 12. Those under 18 must be accompanied by Parent or legal guardian). Contact Marc Hanfling docdad@aol.com for more info.

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 And please have Tzvi ben Frimmet in your Tefilos for a Refuah Shleimah. Thank you, Dr. Alan Singer

ACTT

ACTT (Achieving Change Through Torah): Come hear Rabbi Eliyahu Kaufman, Moreh D'Asra, Congregation Ohav Emeth, speak about "It's Nice to be Important but More Important to Be Nice - Finding Your Inner Avraham and Sarah" on Saturday night, Feb 1 at 8:30PM at Cong Etz Ahaim. Admission is free. Sponsors are welcome. The source book for the entire year is: *Step by Step* compiled by Rabbi Dovid Weinberger. For more info, call Phil Rosen (732) 572-8762. Web-site: www.actt613.org, e-mail: info@actt613.org.

SPECIAL NEEDS BASKETBALL GROUP

Torah Links of East Brunswick is looking to start a fun and exciting basketball program for Jewish children with special needs. Children would be paired up with an older 'buddy' to learn some skills and have fun. For more info please contact Rabbi

KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP

Kiddush sponsorship is available for January 25th, February 15th and March 1st, 15th, 22nd & 29th. 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**

ayer Erps at: [732.613.1613](tel:732.613.1613)
or merps@torahlinks.org

HIGHLAND PARK EDISON CONNECTS WOMEN'S POTLUCK MELAVE MALKA

Highland Park Edison Connects invites you to join us for an evening of fun, food, and socializing (with a unique twist!) on Motzai Shabbos, February 8th, 2014, at 7:30 pm, at the home of Sharon and Yosef Golubchik (1514 Parker Rd, HP.) For more information, to participate in the potluck, or to RSVP, please email Rachelle.Stern@Yahoo.com or call Rikki Samel at (732) 249-5116. Please also be sure to search in Yahoo Groups for "Highland Park Edison Connects" so you can stay connected to all that is happening in our community on a weekly basis! We look forward to seeing you there!

What is Highland Park/Edison Connects?

Highland Park/Edison Connects was formed with the goal of connecting the community and increasing the sense of achdus as well as the flow of communication and information between the various Orthodox shuls, schools, institutions, and organizations.

One way that HP/Edison Connects achieves this goal is via the HP/Edison Yahoo List serve, where members can share information about community-wide events, classes, and happenings. Additionally we have liaisons from each of the Orthodox shuls who are responsible for posting their respective weekly shul announcements and there is a "School Happenings" representative who is responsible for posting relevant weekly information from each of the three Orthodox schools in our community: Netivot Montessori, Rabbi Pesach Raymon Yeshiva (RPRY), and Yeshiva Sharei Tzion. (YST)

Another important role that HP/Edison Connects plays is that of welcoming new families to the community on behalf of all the Orthodox shuls in town. A welcome basket committee, with representatives from each of the Orthodox shuls, is responsible for giving out welcome baskets to newcomers to our community. Likewise, the members of the hospitality committee, with one representative from each shul, are jointly responsible for helping to ensure that all new families have plenty of opportunities to meet new people via Shabbos and Yom Tov meals! Lastly HP/Edison Connects works to bring together volunteers from all the different facets of the community and help them in any way possible to effectively organize, advertise, and run community-wide events so that the whole community feels represented and welcomed. If you have additional ideas for events, programming, or committees that you feel should fall under the auspices of HP/Edison Connects or would like to come on board please don't hesitate to contact us at highlandparkedisonconnects-owner@yahoo.com!

HALACHA AND HISHTADLUS IN SHIDDUCHIM: NAVIGATING THE PROCESS

The Women's Learning Initiative will be presenting a program for mothers of both boys and girls in Shidduchim, and for single girls in Shidduchim, or those preparing to start. Rabbi Luban will address the group regarding the Halachos of giving information, and Mrs. Chana Rose, experienced professional Shadchan will answer questions regarding the Shidduch process. She will be available to meet the girls privately following the session. Please RSVP by email to womenslearninginitiative@gmail.com. You may

also submit questions ahead of time, which will be presented anonymously, as well as Shidduch profiles with pictures (to be used for the Shadchan's use only). The program will be held Sunday, Feb 2 at 8pm at the Krumholtz residence, 18 Marshall Dr, Edison.

AHAVAS ACHIM UNIVERSITY

AA University presents their third Tuesday Night Series. In this month-long learning opportunity, rabbinic intern Rabbi Nuriel Klinger will present shiurim related to Modern Business Ethics. 8pm in the Beit Midrash on the following dates:
Jan 21 -May I Invest in McDonald's?
Jan 28 -Striking a Balance: Earning a Living vs. Learning Torah

ATERET COHANIM

You are cordially invited to a Special Presentation in Support of Our Jerusalem at Cong Ohav Emeth, 415 Raritan Ave in Highland Park on Sunday Feb 23rd at 7:30 PM. Program will feature Guest Speaker, Shoshana Hikind, Executive Vice President, American Friends of Ateret Cohanim. American Friends of Ateret Cohanim / Jerusalem Chai is working to rebuild and rejuvenate Jerusalem for future generations.

TURNING COMMUTER INTO COMMUNITY

WHAT: QUEENS COLLEGE HILLEL Open House Discussion with current Students & Hillel Executive Director "Turning Commuter into Community"
WHO: High School Juniors & Seniors and Parents
WHEN: Sunday, Feb 23 10:30 AM
WHERE: Rena and Menachem Schnaidman
333 Ogden Ave. Teaneck, NJ

For more info, please contact: Uri Cohen, Executive Dir – uri@qchillel.org
718-793-2222

JFVS SEEKS INTERESTED PARTICIPANTS

Jewish Family and Vocational Service of Middlesex County (JFVS) is exploring the possibility of starting a Jewish Twelve Step Program. Individuals, interested in discussing this program and the possibility of starting this in Middlesex County, are invited to a Jewish Recovery Task Force Meeting on Monday, Jan 27 at 7:30 at the JFVS office in Milltown, 32 Ford Ave, 2nd Floor.

For more info or to RSVP, call [732-777-1940](tel:732-777-1940).

BIKUR CHOLIM OF RARITAN VALLEY

Save the date! Bikur Cholim of Raritan Valley annual event will take place on Sunday, March 2, 2014 at the Pines Manor. We will be having a brunch at 10:30am. Guest speaker Rabbi Jonathan Rietti. More details to follow

FOR WOMEN

-Rebbitzen Eichenstein will not be having class on Sunday, Jan. 19 and Monday, Jan. 20. For more info, please contact Aviva Siegel at [732-572-4408](tel:732-572-4408) siegelmom@optonline.net, Ricki Stern [732-828-6939](tel:732-828-6939) rickistern@yahoo.com.
-The Women's Learning Initiative can conduct a women's Torah class in your home. For more info on how to initiate a class, please call [908-208-7144](tel:908-208-7144).

-Mrs. Miri Cohen's Parsha class: No class Monday, Jan. 20.

-Mrs. Leah Drillman's Shimiras Haloshon class: Mon. night, Jan. 20 from 7:30 PM – 8:00 PM at the home of Ellen Smith, 407 North Eighth Ave., Edison. For more info, please call Ellen [201-410-1893](tel:201-410-1893) or [732-777-6787](tel:732-777-6787).

-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 St, Highland Park 10–11 AM. We are now learning from the book "The Six Constant Mitzvos" by Rabbi Yitzchak Berkowitz. Join us at the class and start the year in a spiritually-charged way!

-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.
-Tiferes, a Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation program for women, will meet Motzai Shabbos, Feb 15 at 8:15 PM at the home of Aviva Siegel, 16 Edgemount Rd, Edison. An inspirational DVD will be shown. Weekly teleconferences with topics such as shalom bayis and parenting are also available to Tiferes members. Upcoming teleconferences: "Our Children's Questions – What Are They Really Asking? Are We Prepared With the Answers?" and "Surviving your Teens and Enjoying Them Too"; Speaker: Rabbi Daniel Mechanic. For more info or to become a member, please contact Aviva siegelmom@optonline.net. The Highland Park / Edison group of Tiferes is zecher l'nishmas Malka bas Shalom.

-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 the 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 Road, Edison. For more info, please see contact Aviva Siegel [732-572-4408](tel:732-572-4408) siegelmom@optonline.net.

PARK MIKVAH

The Edison/Highland Park Mikvah will be open Sunday-Thursdays 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. **IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, PLEASE CALL THE MIKVAH FOR UPDATE ON HOURS/APPOINTMENTS.** Fee is \$20. OUT OF HOURS: additional \$20. For more info to schedule an appointment, please call [732-249-2411](tel: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](tel:732-247-ERUV) for status of the Eruv.

Parshas Mishpatim	
Candlelighting	4:48PM
Mincha	5:00 PM

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