



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi

Russell Adler- President

Parshas Teruma

1 Adar 5774

February 1, 2014

Candlelighting: 4:56 PM
Mincha: 5:05PM
Shacharis: 7:45, 9 & 9:15AM
Rabbi Hoffman's Shiur cancelled this week
Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA): 9:39AM
Rabbi Luban's Sotah Shiur : 4:00PM
Mincha: 1:30 & 4:50 PM
Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Josh Rapps
Maariv: 6:00 PM
Weekday Shacharis:
Sunday 7:15, 8 & 9 AM
Mon. & Thurs. 6:20, 7:05, 8 AM
Tues, Wed., & Fri. 6:30, 7:10, 8 AM
Weekday Mincha/ Maariv: 5:05 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
Daf Yomi is starting a new

Masechta, Maseches Succah, this Wednesday Feb 5. For all those who are interested, this is an ideal time to start.

KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP

Kiddush sponsorship is available for 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.

MAZEL TOV

...to Margaret and Yaakov Gorlin on the engagement of their son Alex to Joanna Rumelt of West Hempstead. Mazel Tov to the grandparents Rabbi Morris and Marilyn Gorlin and to the entire Gorlin Family.
 ...to Harriet and Joel Gersten on the birth of a great grandson. Mazel Tov to the grandparents, Morty and Esther Gersten, the parents, Ahuva Leah and Daniel Brafman, and to the Dessau and Allen families.
 ...to Susie and Moish Wiesel on the birth of a son to Avi and Frumie Wiesel.
 ...to Lynn and Marc Hanfling on the birth of a daughter to their children Don and Aviva Shiman. Mazel Tov to the great grandparents Mr. Hersz Hanfling and Mrs. Ellen Schochet.
 ...to Susie and Barry Wolf on the engagement of their daughter Tani to Josh Rossman. Mazel Tov to Josh's parents Rena and Michael Rossman, and to the entire Wolf and Rossman families.
 ...to Yael and Avi Kamelhar on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Yehuda, this Shabbos at RPRY.

...to Nitza and Russell Adler on the engagement of their son Rafi to Sarah Schwartz, daughter of Rabbi Shlomo and Risha Schwartz of North Miami Beach Florida. Mazel Tov to Rafi's siblings, Shoshana, Jordan, Ariel, Yair and Adina and to the grandparents Marion Adler, Kalman and Tova Shiloni, Moische and Barbara Wangrofsky and Shifra Schwartz. The vort will ly"h be Motzai Shabbos at 9 PM at 1551 East 31st street Brooklyn New York.

...to Linda and Michael Salzberg on the birth of a baby girl, Atara Channa, to their children Danielle and Danny Salzberg Kochavi. Mazel Tov to the proud Grandparents, aunts and uncles and big brother Michael, Linda, Matthew, Sheryl and Netanel.

...to Allan Weitz & Dorene Schwartz-Weitz on the birth of twins - a boy & a girl, to their children Tiffany & Moish Lehrer in Los Angeles. Mazel tov to siblings Dutch and Priele, all the uncles, aunts, grandparents, great grandparents, and the entire Weitz / Lehrer family.

KIDDUSH

Kiddush is sponsored this week in honor of Robert and Riki Kreitman in appreciation of their efforts during Robert's presidential term. The Kiddush is sponsored by: *Rabbi Yaakov & Faigie Luban, Joel & Rivka Adler, Russell & Nitza Adler, Brian & Shoshana Allen, Barry & Miryam Arnow Arthur & Debby Atlas, Harvey & Charyn Atlas*

Mel Barenholtz, Rabbi Reuben & Mindy Billowitz, Elie & Iris Borger, Josh & Naomi Caplan, Alizah Chomsky, Zephyr Chomsky Ralph & Rochelle Dessau, Ted & Shoshana Diskind, Herb & Bobbi Engel, Michael & Rhona Eserner, Charles & Mimi Gershbaum David & Lisa Goldberg, David & Nillie Goldman, Lyndon & Lois Goldsmith, Hesh & Debbie Granek, Larry & Miriam Greenman, David & Renee Griboff, Rabbi Shragi & Shira Gross, Marc & Lynn Hanfling, Barry & Hinda Herman, Albert & Abby Hochhauser, Matthew Holland & Shelley Schoenfeld, Bruce & Lilly Jacobi, Michael & Penny Kaplan, Allan & Lani Kaye, Seymour & Rona Kessel, Jeff & Rena Klein, Michie & Sari Klerer, David & Marion Kornfeld, Robert & Lillian Lansey, Shmully & Fran Leitman, Arnie & Janice Lustiger, Daniel & Audrey Mondrow, David & Fay Moskovic, David & Chani Moss, Rabbi Abraham & Pauline Mykoff, Leslie & Lori Ney, Harvey & Leah Paretzky, Paul & Marcia Pheffer, Gedalia & Phyllis Reiss, Israel & Rebecca Rivkin, Phil & Marcia Rosen, Rabbi Dr. Bernhard & Charlene Rosenberg, Barry & Lisa Schanzer, Henry & Sheila Schanzer, Robert & Michelle Schanzer, Eddie & Elise Schechter, Moshe & Debbie Schneider, Yoel & Karen Schwartz, Moshe & Glenda Weiss Sherman, Greg & Sari Sholom, Jeff & Leslie Silber, Jeff & Rozzie Slepoy, Ira & Susan Sobel, Ira & Lorraine Spiler, Zev & Rachelle Stern, Larry & Mina Tiefenbrunn, Mel & Eileen Wagshul, Jonas & Clara Waizer, Sheldon & Drora Waltuch, Shmilu & Miriam Weiss, Eva Weisz, Eli & Chani Wiesel, Moshe & Susie Wiesel, Max & Honey Wisotsky, Barry & Susie Wolf, Aryeh & Shelly Zinkin, Effy & Devorah Zinkin

HASHKAMA KIDDUSH

Hashkama Kiddush this week is sponsored by Lynn and Marc Hanfling for the Yahrzeit of Marc's mother- Mirel bas Naftali, in honor of Marc's Chosson Berashis and in honor of the birth of two granddaughters.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos is sponsored by Tzippy and Josh Rapps in memory of the 1st Yahrzeit of Tzippy's father-Rav Chaim Zev Ben Meshulam Shraga Feivish Zt"l - Rabbi Chaim Zev Bomzer

OHR TORAH ANNUAL SHUL DINNER

The Ohr Torah Annual Dinner will take place on Sunday, Feb 9, 2014. Our distinguished honorees for the dinner will be Moshe and Glenda Sherman and Zev and Rachelle Stern. We are looking forward to greeting each and every one of you at the dinner where we will

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have the opportunity to pay tribute to these most worthy guests of honor. The final deadline for ads is this Sunday, February 2.

OHR TORAH ANNUAL YOUTH RAFFLE

Please help support Ohr Torah's youth groups by purchasing raffle ticket(s).

There are only 20 unsold left, Please don't be left out. 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 Feb 9th. Please contact Jeff Klein, Charles Gershbaum or Mayer Berg to purchase tickets.

All proceeds support the OT Youth programs.

BNEI AKIVA

Bnei Akiva at OT will resume this week at 4:00 pm. Kerrin and Zushye are excited to be back for an excellent snif, here in Edison, and look forward to seeing all the kids from 3rd to 9th grade.

YACHAD SHABBATON

On February 21/22, Cong. Ohr Torah is pleased to be hosting a Shabbaton for the Yachad Re'im division. The Yachad members will be eating dinner in their hosts' homes Friday night and having a community lunch on Shabbos day. If you are interested in hosting, joining in the community lunch, or sponsoring \$100, to offset the costs of the Yachad members, please contact Srulee Hercman at shercman@gmail.com, Eli Wiesel at Elliot.Wiesel@gmail.com, Awi Salomon at awisalomon@gmail.com or Jeffrey Klein at jeffreyklein@yahoo.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 Nitza Adler at 732-819-9294 or email at morahnitza28@gmail.com or Rachele Stern at 732-247-0766 rachele.stern@yahoo.com

SEFORIM DONATONS

Thanks to the following for their generous Seforim donations:

-Phil & Marcia Rosen in honor of Mel Barenholtz's 70th birthday.

-Phil & Marcia Rosen in memory of Greg Sholom's mother Susan Levy Berman Z"L

THANK YOU

I would like to thank the community for their support and comfort while I was sitting Shiva for my mother.

Miriam Goldblatt

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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, 2014 at 8:30 PM at Cong

PLEASE HELP KEEP THE SHUL NEAT...PLEASE RETURN SIDDURIM & CHUMASHIM TO THE REAR OF THE SANCTUARY AFTER DAVENING.

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.act613.org, e-mail: info@act613.org.

CHAYA NEWMAN MEMORIAL LECTURE

Please join us for the inaugural Mrs. Chaya Newman A"H Memorial Lecture, as we pay tribute to Bruriah High School's former principal, who was a role model, teacher, and mentor to thousands around the world. Motsai Shabbos, February 1, 8:00pm at Bruriah High School, 35 North Avenue, Elizabeth NJ 07208. (This event was previously postponed due to the weather conditions on the originally scheduled date.) Extra parking will be available at in the parking lot next to the Third-Westminster Presbyterian Church a block away from Bruriah. Click here to see a map of the location. The event is open to the public (men and women) and free of charge. Refreshments will be served at a reception following the speech. Please contact alumni@thejec.org with any questions or call our alumni coordinator at 908-355-4850 extension 6214.

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 doddad@aol.com for more info.

CANTOR SHIMMY MILLER AND MEZAMRIM AT OE

Please join us as we welcome Cantor Shimmy Miller and Mezamrim, as part of our New Voices Series, to Congregation Ohav Emeth on Shabbat Parashat Ki Tissa, Feb 14-15th. Be inspired and moved by their beautiful voices throughout Shabbat. Enjoy Shabbat dinner with Cantor Miller and Mezamrim on Friday night for \$72 per couple, \$10 per child age 4 and up. Don't miss "A Night of Music" featuring Cantor Miller and Mezamrim with music provided by pianist, Motti Miller and the OE Players on Motzei Shabbat, Feb 15th at 8:15 PM. Concert is \$36 per ticket, sponsorship of \$144 entitles you to 2 Shabbat Dinners and 2 Concert Tickets. This concert is sponsored in part by Eddie and Lilah Braun as a memorial to Eddie's father, Mr. David Braun, on his first yahrtzeit. For more info, you may contact the OE Office at [732-247-3038](tel:732-247-3038) / office@ohavemeth.org or Eddie Braun at [732-572-5613](tel:732-572-5613) / oeconcert@gmail.com.

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 Tefillos for a Refuah Shleimah. Thank you, Dr. Alan Singer

CNJKIDS MONTH - FEBRUARY 2014

Tuition will be set by our local Jewish K-8 day schools in the next few months. We need your

help to keep tuition as low as possible to encourage continued enrollment in our schools.

Please consider becoming a dependable monthly donor to CNJKIDS. Go to www.cnjkids.org and make a donation to mitigate future tuition increases at local Jewish K-8 day schools that have agreed to partner with CNJKIDS. CNJKIDS Month is sponsored by [Caplan Capital Management](http://CaplanCapitalManagement.com), [MetakTech IT Services](http://MetakTechITServices.com), [Sushiana](http://Sushiana.com), [Avi Maza Orchestra](http://AviMazaOrchestra.com), [Encore Dance Studio](http://EncoreDanceStudio.com), [Salit Auto Repair](http://SalitAutoRepair.com) & [Dr. Harry Schick](http://Dr.HarrySchick.com).

SUPPORT CAMP HASC

Eliana Diamant is running a half marathon in Ft. Lauderdale Florida, Feb 16, 2014, together with Avigial, her 13 year old camper. Help support this wonderful organization and Eliana's team effort at <http://www.hasc.net/marathon/mtmypage.php?kwoAdvocateld=6PG7Y80> or drop off a check to Team Hasc at 3 Opatut Ct. Edison. All proceeds go directly to the services of camp and are tax deductible.

LOCAL PARTICIPANT IN JERUSALEM MARATHON

Chaim Reiss is running in the Jerusalem Half Marathon on behalf of SHALVA on March 21, 2014. SHALVA is an organization that provides support for mentally and physically challenged children and their families in Israel. Chaim is running as part of the team from Rae Kushner Yeshiva High School. All money raised goes directly to SHALVA. To donate go to: http://www.run4shalva.org/view_profile.php?id=891. If you prefer, you may send a check payable to SHALVA to 401 Grant Ave, Highland Park, NJ 08904. Please write Chaim Reiss in the memo section. Thank you

LONE SOLDIER CENTER SUPPORT

Dear Friends,

As you all know I have been participating in races of all lengths for many years. Some have taken me around the world but most have been here in Jerusalem. This year I have chosen the Jerusalem Marathon as a platform to raise money for the Lone Soldier Center in memory of Michael Levin. My brother Jake is serving as a lone soldier and that has really influenced my decision to choose the Center as this year's charity. I have seen first hand the wonderful support the Center gives these men and women. In addition to Jake being a lone soldier, I am happy to announce that I am starting a "Community-Style Acupuncture Clinic" at the Lone Soldier Center. Money raised from the marathon will help support this initiative so lone soldiers can benefit from the clinic before, during and after their service.

Here is the link to my donation page:

<http://www.razoo.com/story/Rachel-Koenigson>

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

SOFER AT JUDAICA GALLERY

The sofer will be at Judaica Gallery, 300 Raritan Avenue, this Sunday, Feb 2, 2014 to check mezzuzot and tefillin. Store hours are 10am to 5pm. Although walk-ins are welcome, it is helpful if you call [732-828-7722](tel:732-828-7722) and let us know you will be coming. If you need him to check mezzuzot in

your home, please call [732-828-7722](tel:732-828-7722) to set up an appointment.

THE PRIME MINISTERS, THE MOVIE

The Orthodox Forum of Edison/Highland Park is sponsoring a free showing of the movie, *The Prime Ministers: The Pioneers* on Saturday Night, Feb 15 at 8pm at Cong Ohr Torah in Edison. The Prime Ministers: The Pioneers, is based on the best-selling book by Ambassador Yehuda Avner, *The Prime Ministers* takes the audience inside the offices of Israel's Prime Ministers through the eyes of an insider, Yehuda Avner, who served as a chief aide, English language note-taker and speechwriter to Levi Eshkol, Golda Meir, Yitzhak Rabin, Menachem Begin, and Shimon Peres. The first of two parts, *The Prime Ministers: The Pioneers* focuses on Ambassador Avner's years working with Prime Ministers Levi Eshkol and Golda Meir and then US Ambassador Yitzhak Rabin and reveals new details about the Six-Day War, the development of Israel's close strategic relationship with the United States, the fight against terrorism, the Yom Kippur War and its aftermath. The film stars the voices of Sandra Bullock as Golda Meir, Michael Douglas as Yitzhak Rabin, Leonard Nimoy as Levi Eshkol and Christopher Waltz as Menachem Begin.

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, Feb 8th, 2014, at 7:30 pm, at the home of Sharon and Yosef Golubchik (1514 Parker Rd, HP.) For more info, 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!

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 - due to overwhelming response the venue has been changed to the Orani Residence 292 N5th Avenue, Highland Park.

JFVS OFFERS UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Upcoming Programs: Open to Men and Women Money Management- Jan 28th - Learn to Budget Your Money and Pay Down Debt Managing Conflict & Stress - Feb 4 - Strategies to Add Calm to Your Life Women's Center Meet & Greet - Feb 12 (Women Only)

CONTACT FOR MORE INFO: **JFVS of Middlesex County 732-777-1940** www.jfvs.org

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 **MA'AYANOT YESHIVA HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP DINNER** The Ma'ayanot Yeshiva High School for Girls Annual Scholarship Dinner will take place on Saturday night, March 8, 2013 at Cong Ket Torah in Teaneck. Please join us in honoring Mark and Bracha Bluman with our Keter Shem Tov Award, Ernie and Sallie Levi as Parents of the Year, and Abbie Rabin with our Faculty Appreciation Award. Please call Pam Ennis at [201-833-4307](tel:201-833-4307), ext. 265 for more info.

FOR WOMEN

-Rebbitzen Eichenstein: Please call for status of classes on Sun., Feb. 2 and Mon., Feb. 3. Please contact Aviva Siegel at 732-572-4408 sieglmom@optonline.net.

- Mrs. Miri Cohen's Parsha class: Monday, Feb. 3 at 9:00 AM at the home of Rikki Samel, 427 Dennison Street, Highland Park.

-Mrs. Leah Drillman's Shimiras Haloshon class: Mon. night, Feb. 3 from 7:30 PM – 8:00 PM at the home of Gloria Deutsch, 56 Lawrence Ave., Highland Park. For more info, please call Ellen 201-410-1893 or 732-777-6787.

-Feb16 at 10am - Attached at the Heart: The Rebbetzins of HP and Edison invite all women to a panel addressing your parenting questions. Complimentary brunch and babysitting available. Taking place at Ahavas Achim - 216 S 1st Ave. You are encouraged to submit questions for the panel:

MyTurnToAsk@Gmail.com. Questions due by Feb 10. For addtl info call [732-626-5883](tel:732-626-5883).

-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 Congregation 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 Wit

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

-The Women's Learning Initiative can conduct a women's Torah class in your home. For more information on how to initiate a class, please call 908-208-7144.

-Reenas Bais Yaakov High School proudly presents ON FIRE!, a musical production for women and girls only. Sunday, Feb 23rd at 6:30pm at the Forum Theatre, 314 Main Street, Metuchen, NJ. For tickets and information please email reenasby@gmail.com or call [732-985-5646](tel:732-985-5646).

NCSY

-We would like to invite all the NCSYers grade 9-12, to our home for Friday night onegs! Please be aware of the TIME CHANGE! It will be from 7:30-9:00pm!

-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!!

-Boys learning with Yoni and Adam every Thursday night from 9-9:45!! Check out the Facebook page or contact Yoni Sherman or Adam Baruch for more info regarding location.

-Bible & BBQ every Tuesday at Park Place from 7:30-9

Hang out with friends, enjoy free dinner, and learn awesome Torah!!

-THIS MOTZI SHABBOS- Girls Melav Malka Movie Night! From 7:30-9:30pm.

Create your own Panini and smoothie and hang out with friends!!

-Summer programs are filling up FAST!! Check out all the hot summer programs NCSY has to offer!! There is a program for everyone! Check out newjersey.ncsy.org

Make your summer a memorable summer!!

AHAVAS ACHIM

Shake and Dance with Fresh Theatre Arts Children and parents up to age 6 are invited to shake, dance, sing, and rock out with Ahavas Achim and Fresh Theatre Arts THIS Sunday, February 2 from 10:30-11:30am at Ahavas Achim- 216 South 1st Avenue, Highland Park, NJ. Snacks and drinks will be provided for the kids. Cost \$5 per family if you register before the event, \$8 at the door. To sign up email Miriam Tennenbaum at aayouth100@gmail.com to sign up.

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. 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 for status of the Eruv.

Parshas Tetzave

Candlelighting	5:05PM
Mincha	5:15 PM

Ohr Torah can be found on the internet at <http://www.ohrtorah.net>. You can join the email list for Weekly Announcements. Any ideas and comments about the site can be sent to webmaster@ohrtorah.net. Announcements should be sent to announcements@ohrtorah.net. Please submit all announcements by 7 PM Wednesday.

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is a question regarding the item you wish to be printed, otherwise it may not be included.

Sof Davar

by Moshe Sherman

Ephraim Oshry (1914-2003)

For the past several months, I have presented the stories of rabbis and lay leaders associated with the Beth Hamedresh Hagadol, a once elegant and prominent shul on the Lower East side. The late Rabbi Ephraim Oshry served as the shul's most recent and likely its last rabbi. His life story was one of enormous tragedy, closely associated with the horror of the Holocaust. It is also a story of hope, inspiration and redemption, as he rebuilt his life following the war.

Born in Lithuania in 1914, Ephraim Oshry studied at the Slobodka Yeshiva and alongside other prominent rabbonim, most notably Rabbi Avraham Duber Kahana Shapiro (author of *Dvar Avraham 3 vols.*). When the Nazis invaded Kovno (Kaunas in Lithuanian) in 1941, Oshry was forced into the Kovno ghetto.

Because of poor health, the Kovno Rov, R. Avraham Duber Kahane Shapiro requested that the Jews of Kovno address their religious questions to his student, R. Ephraim Oshry. Incidentally, R. Avraham Duber Shapiro was in Switzerland for health reasons before the war broke out. His son, who was living in the United States, sent him a telegram suggesting that he join him in the U.S., until completion of the war. When R. Shapiro showed the telegram to one of his close friends, he ostensibly remarked that "the captain is the last to abandon his sinking ship, not the first. At this time of danger, my place is with the people of my city. I am going to Kovno." Rav Shapiro returned to Kovno and died of illness in the ghetto, in 1943.

As the desperate residents of the Kovno ghetto addressed their religious questions to Rav Oshry, he began writing the details of each query on scraps of paper torn from cement sacks. He hid the fragments of written material in assorted cans, which he buried in the ground. *The questions reflect the agonizing dilemmas faced by Jews at that time. eg. eating soaked matza to fulfill the Pesach mitzvah; risking one's life to join the partisans; performing a Caesarean section on a dead woman; purchasing a baptism certificate to mask as a Christian; reciting kaddish for a righteous Gentile.*

After the war, Rav Oshry returned to Kovno, where he unearthed the fragments of hundreds of questions and answers that lay buried in jars throughout the former ghetto. In 1959, he published the first of what became a five volume work under the title, *She'elot u'Teshuvot mi-Ma'amakim*, (Responsa from the Depths). A shorter edition was later prepared in Hebrew, and in 1983, an abridged, one volume version was published in English, titled *Responsa from the Holocaust*. (The multi-volume *She'elot u'Teshuvot mi-Ma'amakim* can be viewed at www.hebrewbooks.org)

R. Oshry's wife and children were murdered in the concentration camps. Following the liberation of Kovno in August 1944, Oshry, together with his new wife, a survivor of Auschwitz, went to Rome. He started a yeshiva for orphaned refugee children in Rome, but in 1950 brought his family and many of the yeshiva students to Montreal. He moved to New York in 1952, when he became the rabbi of Beth Hamedresh Hagadol. Oshry later opened a boy's yeshiva and a girl's school in the East Bronx.

In 1996, Oshry published *The Annihilation of Lithuanian Jewry*, a memoir of those who courageously struggled to survive the Kovno ghetto. The book focuses on the spiritual heroism of starved and beaten Jews who risked their lives to observe mitzvot in a world of atrocity and horror.

Oshry died on September 28, 2003 in New York survived by his wife and nine children, three daughters and six sons. Yeshiva Shaar Ephraim in Monsey is named for him. For many years, the school was run by Oshry's son-in-law.

One final note: In 2003, the National Trust for Historic Preservation designated the Beth Hamedresh Hagadol building an endangered historic site. It remains today an abandoned, decrepit and dilapidated synagogue on Norfolk Street, with some who currently seek to destroy it, in favor of a high rise condominium.