



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi

Russell Adler- President

Parshas Shemini/Parah

20 Adar II 5774

March 22, 2014

Candlelighting: 6:52 PM
Mincha: 7:00 PM
Shacharis: 7:45, 9 & 9:15 AM
Rabbi Luban's Sotah Shiur : 5:55 pm
Mincha: 1:45 & 6:45 PM
Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Rabbi Shmuel Belsh
Maariv: 7:55 PM
Weekday Shacharis:
Sunday 7:15, 8 & 9AM
Rabbi Sauer's Daf Yomi Iyuni Shiur after 7:15 Shacharis
Mon. & Thur 6:20, 7:05 & 8 AM
Tues,Wed., & Fri. 6:30, 7:10 & 8 AM
Weekday Mincha/ Maariv: 7:00 PM
Weekday Maariv 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
 Friday - After Kabbolas Shabbos
 Shabbos – One hour before Mincha (no Shiur at 8:15 or after Hashkama)
 Sunday- After 8 AM Shacharis
 Monday – Thursday: after Zman Maariv

MAZEL TOV
 ...to Eileen and Mel Wagshul on the birth of a great-grandson to their grandchildren, Miriam and Eli Shteingart. Mazel Tov also to the grandparents, Linda and Murray Sragow, all the siblings and the entire family.
 ...to Smadar and Jerry Parness on the birth of a daughter to their children Aviva and Daniel Parness of Kew Garden Hills, NY.
 ... to Anna and Charles Plittman on the birth of a daughter to their children Yael and Yosef Plittman, in Israel. Mazel Tov to grandparents Michele and Paul Rosenbaum of Los Angeles and to siblings Bracha and Mayer Berg, Dina and Judah Miller, Aviva and Yaakov Plittman, Baila, Rivky and Mechi.
 ... to Ilana and Moshe Rozenberg on the birth of a son. The Shalom Zachor will be at the Schachter home at 233 Highland Ave.
 ...to Marion and David Kornfeld, who are celebrating their 50th anniversary this weekend.
 ...to Rebecca and Israel Rivkin on the Bar Mitzvah last Shabbos of their twin grandsons Avi and Etan Kwestel in Cedarhurst NY.
 ... to Rebecca and Israel Rivkin on the engagement of their son Zev to Mindy Bassman of Lakewood NJ.

1. President's Report
2. 2014 Budget
3. House Committee Report
4. Youth Committee Report
5. Rental Committee - New Rental Contract
6. Closure of doors during Rabbi's Drasha

CONDOLENCES
 Ohr Torah extends deepest condolences to Heshy Gottlieb on the loss of his father, Joseph Gottlieb in Israel. Heshy is sitting Shiva in Israel through Tuesday morning. He can be reached at 7186891750. May you be comforted among the mourners of Tzion and Jerusalem.

SHAIMOS COLLECTION
 Congregation Ohr Torah will hold this year's community Shaimos Collection on Sunday, March 23 from 9:30 AM to 6:00 PM. The cost is \$20 per large garbage sized bags. Please make all checks out to Congregation Ohr Torah. (coordinator/questions) Barry Siegel, siegeldad@optonline.net
 Seforim sale: There will also be a used Seforim sale at this time, Great Bargains!!! Come find your hard-to-find and/or out-of-print books and stock up your home libraries.

TORAH TAPE LIBRARY
 The Torah Tape Library will be closed from April 11-28.

TOUR OF THE LOWER EAST SIDE
 We are planning to travel to the Lower East Side on May 4th. We would leave at 12:15 and return at about 5PM. The trip is being organized by Diane Mael at the JCC and will cost apx \$45 for transportation, snacks and admission fees. Dr. Moshe Sherman, Teacher of Jewish History at Touro University, has graciously volunteered to be our tour guide. Many of you benefited from his expansive knowledge when he spoke about "The World of Sholom Aleichem." We will learn about the history of the Jews who lived in the area and will visit the Eldridge St Synagogue. If you are definitely interested in joining this tour please email me or contact Diane at 732 494 3232 ext 3614. This tour is limited to 30 people. If many more are interested there may be another tour on a different date. This is primarily a walking tour. Bella Lerner blerner18@optonline.net or 732 317-1786

RETIREE LUNCH AND LEARN
 The next retiree lunch and learn program is scheduled for Tuesday, March 25, at 12 noon. The program will include a light buffet lunch followed by a showing of the video

KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP
 Kiddush sponsorship is available for March 29th and April 5th & 26th. 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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 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.

KIDDUSH
 Kiddush this week is sponsored by Marion and David Kornfeld and family in honor of their 50th anniversary.

SHALOSH SEUDOS
 Shalosh Seudos is sponsored by Barbara and Jerry Belsh in memory of the Yahrzeit of Jerry's father.

YAHRTZEIT DATABASE
 The Shul's database is now operational so we remind you to send in the forms to Ralph Dessau at r2d22009@hotmail.com as soon as possible. For your convenience, you may also use the following link to a Google form to complete the information. <http://www.Tinyurl.com/ot613>

NEW SHUL POLICY
 In response to concerns raised by members regarding the decorum during the Rabbi's Drasha, the Board voted unanimously that the doors to the sanctuary should be locked during the Rabbi's Drasha to prevent entry until the Drasha is completed. We invite suggestions, at the March 25 membership meeting, as to the best way to implement this policy.

SHUL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
 There will be a general membership meeting on March 25 at 8:30 PM with the following agenda:

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

Orchestra of Exile. The video depicts the founding of what evolved into the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra. Dr. Mark Kligman, a Professor of Jewish Musicology, will introduce the video and offer comments immediately following it. There is a charge of \$10 per person to help defray the cost of the luncheon. Please write or call Bella at blerner18@optonline.net 732-317-1786 or Marcia at ppheffer@verizon.net 732-572-5998, or Mildred 732 572-1712 to register your intention to attend.

POLAND PILGRIMAGE

OT is excited to announce its First Community Poland Pilgrimage Journey, July 21-29. 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 Rachelle Stern at 732-247-0766 rachelle.stern@yahoo.com

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

PEACE OF MIND

Peace of Mind parlor meeting at the home of Marcia and Barry Levinson (419 Becker Street, Highland Park) at 8 PM on March 31st. Please show your support and Hakarat Hatov to soldiers who have risked their lives for our homeland and for our friends and families living in Israel. RSVP to Barbara Strassman (barbara.strassman@gmail.com or 732/545-3931). If you are unable to attend this meeting but would like to support the program, please send donations made out to American Friends of Herzog Hospital c/o Rosanne Koenigson at 221 Washington Ave. Edison, NJ 08817.

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 a parent or legal guardian). Contact Marc Hanfling docdad@aol.com for more info.

CLOTHING DRIVE

Clothing Giveaway: The A.Y. clothing giveaway will be on March 30th from 10-2 at Congregation Ahavas Yisroel. Come and get new to you clothing in time for Yom Tov. Sizes infant through adult. Monetary donations towards tzedakah are welcome, but not obligatory. If you would like to contribute clothing in excellent condition, please contact Ida Scheiner at 732-247-3073 or Rivka

Jaffe at 732-572-7796. Additionally, contact us to volunteer for set up on Saturday night March 29th. Teens, come and get chessed hours!

ACTT

The ACTT (Achieving Change Through Torah) program helps individuals succeed in making meaningful and lasting changes in their lives. The source book for the entire year is: Step by Step compiled by Rabbi Dovid Weinberger. See the ACTT web-site, www.actt613.org, for the current Learning Schedule (Modules page) and for all the event audio presentations. For more info, e-mail info@actt613.org or call Phil Rosen (732) 572-8762.

FOR WOMEN

-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, provides weekly teleconferences with topics such as shalom bayis and parenting to its members. Current teleconference: "Building Healthy Self-Esteem". Speaker: Mrs. Tammie Karmel. For more information 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.

-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.

-Mrs. Leah Drillman's Shimiras Haloshon class will resume after Pesach. For more info, please call Ellen 201-410-1893 or 732-777-6787.

-Mrs. Miri Cohen's Parsha class: Monday, March 24 at 9AM at the home of Rikki Samel, 427 Dennison St, Highland Park.

-SemPlus shiur for post seminary girls: Wed, March 26. For more info, please call 908-420-0253.

-Rebbitzin Eichenstein's classes for women: No class on Sunday, March 23; Parsha class on Monday, March 24 at 8PM at Cong Ohr Torah. For more info, please contact Aviva Siegel at 732-572-4408 siegelmom@optonline.net, Ricki Stern 732-828-6939 rickistern@yahoo.com.

-Rabbi Bassous: No class on Sunday, March 23.
-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 siegelmom@optonline.net

JRECOVERY: A JEWISH SELF-HELP GROUP TO COMPLEMENT 12-STEP PROGRAMS

Sponsored by Jewish Family and Vocational Service of Middlesex County (JFVS)

JRecovery is a Jewish self-help group whose purpose is to support recovery from various addictions using spiritual insights from Jewish tradition. JRecovery complements 12-step recovery programs by nurturing the spiritual needs of those with active addictions or in recovery, and their families and friends. JRecovery participants include alcoholics, drug addicts, gamblers, overeaters, sex addicts, and their loved ones. Group discussions focus on the challenges of recovery. The discussions use the language and concepts of 12-step programs and a broad spectrum of Jewish spiritual teachings from every generation. The first meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 28, 2014, 7:30-8:30 pm at the JFVS office, 32 Ford Ave, 2nd Floor (United Way Building), Milltown, NJ. The group will meet weekly at the same time and same location. JRecovery charges no dues for participation; all Jews are welcome. Similar to 12-step meetings, our meetings will be safe, secure and anonymous. For more information, contact JFVS at 732-777-1940 or www.jfvs.org/JRecovery

PARK MIKVAH

The Edison/Highland Park Mikvah will be open Sunday-Thursday 9-11pm. Friday nights are by APPOINTMENT ONLY, and should be made before Thursday at 8:30pm. You must arrive and leave during regular hours or there is an additional \$20 fee. For info regarding inclement weather hours, 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 Tazria

Candlelighting	7:00 PM
Mincha	7:10 PM

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