



# Congregation Ohr Torah

## Weekly Announcements

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### Parshas Metzora

5 Nissan 5774

April 5, 2014

**Candlelighting:** 7:07 PM  
**Mincha:** 7:15 PM  
**Shacharis:** 7:45, 9 & 9:15 AM  
*Rabbi Luban's Sotah Shiur* : 6:10 pm  
**Mincha:** 1:45 & 7:00 PM  
**Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Gershon Klavan**  
**Maariv:** 8:10PM  
**Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA):** 9:47AM  
**Weekday Shacharis:**

**Sunday** 7:15, 8 & 9AM  
**Extra 9:00 AM Shacharis Minyan starting on April 7 continuing through Pesach**  
*Rabbi Sauer's Daf Yomi Iyun Shiur – cancelled until after Pesach*

**Mon. & Thur** 6:20, 7:05, 8 & 9 AM  
**Tues., Wed., & Fri.** 6:30, 7:10, 8 & 9 AM  
**Weekday Mincha/ Maariv:** 7:15 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: cancelled until after Pesach*

### DAF YOMI SCHEDULE

Fri - After Kabbolas Shabbos. Shabbos – 1 hour before Mincha. Sunday- After 8 AM Shacharis  
 Monday – Thursday: after Zman Maariv

### KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP

Kiddush sponsorship is available for April 26<sup>th</sup> and May 3rd, 10th, 24th & 31<sup>st</sup>. 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 see the Ohr Torah website: [www.ohrtorah.net](http://www.ohrtorah.net)

### BUILDING DEDICATION OPPORTUNITIES

Contact Moshe Schneider at 732-618-4702 or at 8848 (cell), [reenagreenspan@yahoo.com](mailto:reenagreenspan@yahoo.com) or Gene Wasserman 732-397-0130 or [genew@compugene.com](mailto:genew@compugene.com) or [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 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](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 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](mailto:reenagreenspan@yahoo.com) or Gene Wasserman 732-397-0130 or [genew@compugene.com](mailto:genew@compugene.com)

### E-MAIL LIST

To get on the Ohr Torah e-mail list, please contact Gene Wasserman at [genew@compugene.com](mailto:genew@compugene.com).

### MAZEL TOV

...to Elie and Awi Salomon on the birth of twins (Boy & Girl). Mazel Tov to big brothers Jack and Gabriel. The Shalom Zachor will be tonight at 9:15 at the Salomon house 329 North 5th Avenue.

### SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos is sponsored by Susan and Moshe Wiesel in memory of Susan's sister, Judy Lefkovits, Sara Basha bas Yitzchok, A"H.

### SELLING CHOMETZ

Rabbi Luban will be available to sell Chometz after all three Shacharis Minyanim for the next two Sundays before Pesach. The Rabbi is also available at home but please call first 732-236-1382 to make sure he will be there.

### MAOS CHITIM

Rabbi Luban is now collecting Maos Chitim.

### 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](mailto:r2d22009@hotmail.com). You may also use the following link to a Google form to complete the information.

<http://www.Tinyurl.com/ot613>

### B'NEI AKIVA

Bnei Akiva for grades 3 - 9 returns this week at 6:00 pm. See you there.

### SEFORIM DONATIONS

Thanks to the following for their generous Seforim donations:

- Mark and Rivka Kaplow in memory of Shoshana -Diskind's brother Larry Hecht Z"L
- Drora and Sheldon Waltuch in memory of Heshy Gottlieb's father Joseph Gottlieb Z"L
- Moshe & Susan Wiesel in memory of Heshy Gottlieb's father Joseph Gottlieb Z"L
- Rebecca & Israel Rivkin in memory of Heshy Gottlieb's father Joseph Gottlieb Z"L
- Moshe & Susan Wiesel in memory of Ricki Nat's father Shmuel Kadry Z"L
- Michael & Penny Kaplan in memory of Ricki Nat's father Shmuel Kadry Z"L
- Michael & Penny Kaplan in memory of Heshy Gottlieb's father Joseph Gottlieb Z"L
- Michael & Penny Kaplan in memory of Greg Sholom's mother Susan Levy Berman Z"L
- Michael & Penny Kaplan in memory of Ushi Freundlich's father Simcha Zimmel Freundlich Z"L
- Michael & Penny Kaplan in memory of Rose Walzman's father David Resmovits Z"L

### SEEKING TOY DONATIONS

Busy cleaning for Pesach? Want to get rid of your lightly used toys and games? Consider donating them to the OT Youth Department.

They will bring SUCH joy to kids who have never played with them before. (Please no broken toys!) Please contact Mayer Berg for more information

(email: [marcberg@verizon.net](mailto:marcberg@verizon.net)) Thank you.

### OHR TORAH YOUTH EVENTS

This Sunday April 6<sup>th</sup>, Ohr Torah will host a Pre-Pesach Children's Arts & Crafts program starting at 11 AM lasting until 1:30 PM. We will be designing and decorating matzoh covers, afikoman bags, salt water kits and more. Once all projects have been completed, we will proceed into a different room to have a pizza lunch! All this fun costs only \$18 per child with a family maximum of \$45. What a great way to get ready for the Chag!

In addition, the schedule for the Ohr Torah Youth Program on Pesach is as follows:

- Pesach Day One – April 15, 2014: No Youth Program

-Pesach Day Two – April 16: 10:00 AM start Shabbat Chol Hamoed April 19 : 10:15 AM start (read Shir HaShirim on this day)

-Pesach Day Seven April 21: 10:00 AM start

-Pesach Day Eight April 22: 10:00 AM start

As a reminder the youth program concludes at the end of davening in the Main Minyan. The Ohr Torah Youth Program would like to wish everyone a Chag Kasher V'Sameach.

### 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](mailto:blerner18@optonline.net) or 732 317-1786

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

## **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](mailto:morahnitza28@gmail.com) or Rachele Stern at 732-247-0766 [rachele\\_stern@yahoo.com](mailto:rachele_stern@yahoo.com)

## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **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](http://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](mailto:docdad@aol.com) for more info.

### **NEW JEWISH LIBRARY**

Karmiel, in Northern Israel, is starting a gemach for Jewish books. Karmiel has a small but growing American community that needs English books, especially for the teenage and child population. The library is leileu nishmas Menashe ben Raizel. All donated books can be dropped off at the home of Aviva Siegel, 16 Edgemount Road. Sponsors are also welcome to purchase new books / defray shipping costs. For more info, [siegelmom@optonline.net](mailto:siegelmom@optonline.net)

### **ACTT EVENT:**

Come hear Rabbi Paysach Krohn speak about "Don't Only Count Your Days, Make Your Days Count" at the ACTT (Achieving Change through Torah) sponsored community-wide event on Sunday Night, April 27, 2014, 7:30 PM at Congregation Ohr Torah. Admission is free. To sponsor the event, please make out your check to "Congregation Ohr Torah Rabbi's Discretionary Fund", earmarked "ACTT sponsor", and mail to ACTT; 48 Edgemount Road; Edison, NJ 08817. Thank you. See the ACTT web-site, [www.actt613.org](http://www.actt613.org), for the current source book & Learning Schedule (Modules page) and for all the event audio presentations. For more info, e-mail [info@actt613.org](mailto:info@actt613.org) or call Phil Rosen (732) 572-8762.

## **FOR WOMEN**

- 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 [siegelmom@optonline.net](mailto:siegelmom@optonline.net)

-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](mailto: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 information 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 will resume after Pesach.

-SemPlus shiur for post seminary girls will resume after Pesach. For more info, please call 908-420-0253.

-Rebbitzen Eichenstein's classes will resume after Pesach.

-Rabbi Bassous: class for women on Passover on Sunday, April 6 from 10-11 AM at Cong. Etz Ahaim, 230 Dennison Street, Highland Park.

### **YACHAD MATZA BAKING WORKSHOP**

Join Yachad for a Matza Baking Workshop to get into the Pesach spirit! When: Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup> Time: 11:30- 1:00PM Where: Chabad of North Brunswick, 1 Riva Ave. Cost: \$5 a person. RSVP: [Middlesexyachad@ou.org](mailto:Middlesexyachad@ou.org) For more information, please contact Bracha Avraham, Yachad Outreach Coordinator of Middlesex County, at 718.440.0099

### **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](http://www.jfvs.org/JRecovery)

### **PARK MIKVAH**

The Edison/Highland Park Mikvah will be open Sunday-Thursday 9-11pm. SATURDAY NIGHT April 5, hours are 9:15-11:15pm. Saturday nights April 12-22, hours are 9:30-11:30pm. Friday nights and PESACH are by APPOINTMENT ONLY, and should be made by the day before. You must arrive and leave during regular hours. 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 Acharei Mot**

Candlelighting	7:14 PM
Mincha	7:20 PM

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