



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi

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Parshas Emor

Pre-Plag Mincha: 6:00 PM
Candlelighting: 7:36 PM
Mincha: 7:00 & 7:45 PM
Shacharis: 7:45, 9:00 & 9:15 AM
Rabbi Hoffman's Shlur after Hashkama
Sof Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA): 9:24 AM
Kollel Learning Seder: 4-6pm
Kollel Mincha: 6:00PM
Rabbi Luban's Sotah Shlur: 6:40 PM
Mincha: 1:45, & 7:30 PM
Shalos Seudos Speaker: Arnie Lustiger
Maariv: 8:40 PM
Weekday Shacharis:
Sun 7:15, 8:00 & 9:00AM
Mon. & Thur 6:20, 7:05 & 8:00 AM
Tues., Wed & Fri. 6:30, 7:10, 8:00 AM
Weekday Mincha/ Maariv: 7:45 PM
Rabbi Luban's Shellos U'teshuvos Shlur:
Monday 9:10 PM
Weekday Maariv 10:10 PM
Daf Yomi Schedule:
 Fri - After Kabbolas Shabbos. Shabbos – 1 hour before Mincha. Sunday- After 8 AM
 Shacharis. Mon. – Thurs.: after Zman Maariv

KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP

Kiddush sponsorship is available for May 31st, for the second day of Shavuot (June 5th) and for June 7th, 21st and 28th. 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.

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MAZEL TOV

... to David & Miriam Hanfling on the birth of a girl, Batsheva Esther, to Deena & Tzvi Rajchgod of Lakewood, NJ. Mazel Tov to Batsheva's siblings and to Tante Aviva, Missy and Jessica and extended families.

... to Mel Barenholtz on the Bris of his grandson, Nosson, this past Wednesday. Mazel Tov to Nosson's parents, Yocheved and Levi Yitzchok Barenholtz, to Nosson's seven siblings and to Levi Yitzchok's uncle, Shelly Goldstein.

...to Rabbi and Mrs. Reuven Billowitz on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Dovid at the Agudah. There will be a Kiddush following davening at the YST preschool.

KIDDUSH

Kiddush is sponsored by Nechama and Mike Samel in memory of the Yahrzeit of Mike's mother, Esther Malka bas Shimon A"H.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos is being sponsored by Rochelle and Jerry Blum and the entire Blum family in memory of the Yahrzeit of Jerry's mother Tziporah bas Wolf A"H.

BNEI AKIVA

Bnei Akiva this week will be at 5:30pm.

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 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

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

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morahnitza28@gmail.com or Rachele Stern at 732-247-0766 rachele_stern@yahoo.com

RETIREE LUNCH

Throughout his music and stories, Dudu Fisher takes the audience on a joyful musical journey connecting his talent as a Broadway performer, cantor, and contemporary artist with the beauty of Israel's landscape, culture and people. We will be joined by Barbara Kessel, author of *Suddenly Jewish*, who will regale us with anecdotes from her recent four month stay in Israel. This program will include a light lunch from our very own Jerusalem Pizza. It is open to all retirees in the community and will be a wonderful opportunity to socialize with each other in a meaningful way. There will be a charge of \$10 per person to help defray the cost of the meal.

Date: Tuesday, May 6, 2014 Time: 12:00 noon. Location: Cong Ohr Torah. RSVP Bella blerner18@optonline.net 732 317-1786, Mildred 732 572-1712, or Marcia ppheffer@verizon.net 732 572-5998

SHABBAT YOM HA'ATZMAUT

Reserve the Shabbat of May 10 for our annual OT Shabbat Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration. We will welcome Harav Ari Berman as our Yom Ha'atzmaut scholar-in-residence. Rabbi Berman, formerly the Rabbi of The Jewish Center, now lives in Israel and lectures widely throughout Israel and the United States. Also joining us will be Chazzan Dovid Stein. Special this year! - , we will be celebrating those who have made Aliyah to Israel. Send pictures of your family and friends who are living in Israel to Susie Wolf at susiezwolf@gmail.com. We will print and post them up in our shul for our Shabbat Yom Ha'atzmaut. Sponsorships for the Kiddush are \$100 and \$36. Please contact Susie or Barry Wolf, Robert Kreitman or Billy Gewirtz for details.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

FRUIT TREE BRACHA

The annual bracha on flowering fruit trees is posted next to the apple tree at 401 North Eighth Avenue (corner of Fairhill).

ACTT SAYS THANK YOU!

Thank you to all the sponsors and attendees for making the ACTT April 27th event with Rabbi Paysach Krohn so successful and meaningful! The current source book for the entire year is: "Step by Step – A Weekly Program for Self-improvement", an anthology. For more info, see the ACTT website, www.actt613.org, e-mail info@actt613.org or call Phil Rosen (732) 572-8762.

RPRY PTA

RPRY PTA is having a BOGO Scholastic Book Fair - Buy One Get On Free. Sunday Morning, May 4th

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

9:30-12pm in the RPRY Beit Midrash. Join the RPRY PTA for Mad Science. The Mad Scientist will perform exciting "Fire and Ice" science experiments with the audience. Each child will get to make slime to take home. Sunday, May 4th from 9:30-11:30 in the RPRY Gym. The program is free.

VOTER REGISTRATION AND MAIL-IN-BALLOT DRIVE

Our community needs to vote and not be apathetic about the upcoming election. If you are not registered to vote, register now using a voter registration application that may be downloaded at http://www.njelections.org/form_pdf/voter-regis-forms/middlesex-voter-reg-form-062212.pdf. The deadline to register to vote in the Erev Shavuot June 3, 2014 Primary Election is May 12, 2014, and October 14, 2014 for the November 4, 2014 General Election.

If you plan on voting in the June 3, 2014 Primary Election and the November 4, 2014 General Election be sure to persuade at least one of your friends to vote too.

If you will be unable to vote at your polling place on Election Day, please consider applying for a Mail-In-Ballot. Voters may apply to vote by mail up to 7 days prior to the election. To apply for a Mail-In-Ballot, please download an application for the ballot at

http://www.njelections.org/form_pdf/vote-mail-ballot-012712-mid.pdf.

Remember our voices are more likely to be heard by our elected representatives if we vote in great numbers on Election Day. We must remind our fellow community members that every vote counts!

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 and defray shipping costs. For more info, siegelmom@optonline.net

LAG BA'OMER

Celebrate Lag Ba'Omer at the community wide happening, coordinated by the Mekor Chaim/Steinsaltz Ambassadors program, on Sunday, May 18, 5:00-7:30PM at Grove 4 in Donaldson Park. Free admission! Activities for kids, learning sessions for adults and food and drinks for sale! Contact Rabbi Shmulie Greene for more info and sponsorship opportunities at rabbishmulie@steinsaltz.org or [973-214-8577](tel:973-214-8577)

BLOOD DRIVE

On June 15th, you have the opportunity to get in on the mitzvah of donating blood. From 9 AM to 3 PM, we will be holding our next blood drive at Congregation Ahavas Achim, 216 S. First Ave., HP.

Babysitting will be available, and donors can be as young as 16 (with parental permission and meeting weight requirements). Can't make it? No problem, a second opportunity to give is available on 6/29 at HPCT, 201 South Third Ave, HP. For further info, please contact Ira Rosen at [732-393-1018](tel:732-393-1018) or ira_rosen@yahoo.com.

JUMPING JELLYBEANS!!

AA Youth and Fresh Theatre Arts are proud to bring you their monthly toddler music and dance class. The classes take place at AA the first Sunday of every month. Please RSVP for our May 4th event: 10:30-11:30am, \$5 per family. Snacks will be provided. Kids ages 0-5 are invited, must attend with an adult. RSVP to aayouth100@gmail.com

FOR WOMEN

-Highland Park/Edison Connects invites all women in the community to a shiur as part of our new *Shiur Series for Women* that we promised to begin after Pesach. So, please come out and join us at the first shiur of the series, taking place next Tuesday, May 6th at 8:30 at 5 Perry Road, in Edison, NJ. (Graciously hosted by Dovid and Elana Zaslavsky.) Topic: "Jewish Adults at Risk" by Rabbi Gedaliah Jaffe. (*This shiur is sponsored by Highland Park/Edison Connects in the zechus of a complete recovery for Esther Miriam Bas Chana Rachel.*)

-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.

-Mrs. Leah Drillman's Shimiras Haloshon class: Mon. night, May 5, 7:30 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).

-Rebbitzen Eichenstein's classes for women: Tefillah class on Sunday, May 4 at 10:00 AM at Aguda shule; Parsha class on Monday, May 5 at 8:00 PM at Congregation Ohr Torah. 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

-Rabbi Bassous: class for women on the Sefer, "The Six Constant Mitzvos" by Rabbi Yitzchak Berkowitz class on Sunday, May 4 at Cong. Etz Ahaim, 230 Dennison Street, Highland Park 10-11 AM.

-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

-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 information on how to initiate a class, please call [908-208-7144](tel:908-208-7144).

NETIVOT – MONTESSORI YESHIVA

Netivot - The Montessori Yeshiva is holding tours for prospective parents on May 8 and May 29. Please use the following link and click on request a tour to sign up for either of these dates or call [732-9854626](tel:732-9854626): <http://mynetivot.com/>

PARK MIKVAH

The Edison/Highland Park Mikvah will be open Sunday-Thursday 9-11pm. SATURDAY NIGHTS, April 26th and May 3, hours are 9:45-11:30pm. For the rest of May through the month of July, Saturday night hours are 10:00-11:30pm. Friday nights and Shavuos 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. Please leave the area clean and neat.

LOCAL ERUV

Please call 732-247-ERUV for status of the Eruv.

Parshas Behar

Candlelighting	7:43 PM
Mincha	7:00 & 7:50 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.

PLEASE NOTE: Please make sure that you leave a contact/callback name and phone # in case here is a question regarding the item you wish to be printed, otherwise it may not be included.