



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

<http://www.ohrtorah.net>

48 Edgemount Road Edison, NJ 08817

Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi

Russell Adler- President

Parshas Nitzavim-Vayeilech

25 Elul 5774

September 20, 2014

Candlelighting: 6:41 PM
Mincha: 6:50 PM
Shacharis: 7:45, 9:00 and 9:15 AM
Rabbi Hoffman's Shiur: after hashkama
Rabbi Luban's main Minyan Drasha: not before 10:30 AM
Sof Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA): 9:46 AM
Rabbi Luban's Sotah Shiur – 5:45 PM
Mincha: 1:45, & 6:35PM
Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Dr. Ira Krumholtz
Maariv: 7:45 PM
Weekday Selichos/ Shacharis:
Sunday:
Selichos: 1 AM and 7:30 AM
Shacharis: 7:15, 8 & 9 AM
Monday Selichos/ Shacharis:
 5:50, 6:40, & 7:35 AM
Tuesday Selichos/ Shacharis:
 6:00, 6:45, & 7:35 AM
Wednesday (Erev Rosh Hashanah):
Selichos: 1:00, 5:00, 5:40, 6:30 & 7:30 AM
Shacharis: 6:30, 7:10, 8:00 & 9:00 AM
Followed by Hataras Nedarim
Weekday Mincha/ Maariv: 6:40 PM
Rabbi Sauer's Daf Yomi Iyuan Shiur – Sunday after 7:15 Shacharis
Rabbi Billowitz' Halacha Shiur – Sunday after 8 AM Shacharis
Weekday Late Maariv: 10:10 PM
Daf Yomi Schedule:
 Friday-after Kabbolas Shabbos, Shabbos-one hour before Mincha, Sunday-after 8 am Shacharis
 Mon.-Thursday-after Maariv

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 Allan Weitz upon his upcoming marriage to Helene 'Leni' Jeanette of Rockaway NJ on Sunday, September 21st. Mazel Tov to their respective children, Tiffany, Zecharia, Ari, Nicole, & Michael, and to their grandchildren, extended family, friends, and loved ones.

...to Rabbi Dr. Bernhard Rosenberg, who published a new book The Holocaust as Seen Through Film: A Teacher's Guide.

...to Rochelle & Ralph Dessau on the occasion of the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Azriel Simcha Bachrach. Mazel Tov to his parents, Ilana & Ammiel Bachrach of Passaic-Clifton and to the Aunts and Uncles: David & Raquel Dessau and Shoshana & Brian Allen, as well to Harriet & Joel Gersten and to all of Azriel's cousins.

... to Cheryl & Yussi Strauch on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter Sasha Strauch of Yerushalayim. Mazel Tov to Sasha's parents, Stephanie & Ari Strauch, and to Sasha's great grandmother Rebbitzin Shirley Maza.

...to Joanne and Payam Hanian on the birth of a son. Mazel Tov to the baby's siblings, Noah, Sarah, and Jacob. The Shalom Zachar will be on Friday night at 9:00 PM at 15 Ryan Rd. (Berlin home).

KIDDUSH

Kiddush this Shabbos is sponsored by Bella and Henry Lerner in memory of the Yahrzeit of Henry's father.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudot is sponsored by Penny and Michael Kaplan in memory of the Yahrzeit of Michael's mother Aidel bas Akiva, A"H.

NOTICE

We have fixed the curtain rod and drawstring on the Paroches in the main sanctuary. When opening and closing the Paroches please pull on the drawstring **GENTLY**. Thank you.

YOMIM NORAIM SEAT RESERVATIONS

The 2014 seat reservations are complete. Please check the seat postings. Contact the

Seating Committee with any updates. Thank you.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

A Membership meeting will be held on September 22 at 830 pm. The agenda will include:

1. Presidents report
2. House Committee Report
3. Fund Raising Update
4. Discussion of Protocol for upcoming Chazzon vote.

KIBUDIM

As has been our tradition, we will be auctioning off Kibudim for Yamim Noraim this Motzei Shabbos, Saturday night at midnight, before Selichot. People who do not want to attend the auction in person are encouraged to submit bids in advance by contacting Russell Adler, Joel Adler or Terry Walzman before 11:00 PM Motzei Shabbos, Saturday night. Please note that only "members in good standing" may submit a bid.

IMPORTANT REMINDER ABOUT EIRUV TAVSHILIN

Please remember to make an Eiruv Tavshilin this coming Wednesday before Rosh Hashana begins. An Eiruv Tavshilin will be required before Sukkos and Shmini Atzeres as well.

LULAV & ESROG ORDERING

When ordering from below, please mention Ohr Torah and OT will receive a donation for each sale.

- a.. Barry Siegel & Family
siegeldad@optonline.net, 732-572-4408
- b.. Judaica Gallery,
judaicagallery@hotmail.com, 732-828-7722

Please see the flyers for additional info. All checks for Lulavim and Esrogim must be made out to the appropriate vendor and **NOT** Congregation Ohr Torah. No check made out to COT will be cashed.

OT YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

-We have instituted an early-drop off at 9:30 AM for all children thru fourth grade in the corner classroom (grades pre nursery thru kindergarten) and the classroom adjacent to that (grades first thru fourth). Our structured youth program will continue to begin at 10 AM at which time all children will be relocating to the classrooms listed above according to grade. In addition for several months now, our children have received healthier options for snacks and drinks. Come downstairs and check it out! We ask all parents to ensure that your children are either in youth groups or in Shul

KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP

Kiddush sponsorship is available for the first day of Succos, Shabbos Chol Hamoed Succos, Shemini Atzeres and Shabbos Breishis (October 17th). 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

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

alongside a parent. It is not permissible for children to wander our Shul hallways or to be outside running around unsupervised. This is for your children's safety!

-In addition once again Ohr Torah is proud to offer babysitting on Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. We are requesting a voluntary contribution of \$18 per family to help defray the cost of the babysitting. Please make checks out to Ohr Torah and indicate HH babysitting on your check. The times for our babysitting are as follows:

9/25 (RH) -- 10am to 2 pm

9/26 (RH) -- 10 am to 2 pm

10/3 (YK) -- 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm

10/4 (YK) -- 10 am to 2:30 pm and 5pm to 7pm

This service is for all children ages 1-4. It is imperative that all children attending our babysitting are able to walk (and not need to be held) and that parents please ensure that our staff is aware of your seating location should we need to find you. We will have a seating chart available. Also please provide our staff with any baby wipes/diapers as needed. We will be unable to accommodate children who have not reached their first birthday.

ISRAEL BONDS

The Israel Bond Office reports that 84 members of our shul bought \$536,000.00 worth of Israel Bonds!!!! This is an incredible record. The number of members purchasing bonds increased over prior years, and there was a significant increase in the bond purchase amount per member. Congratulations are in order to the Congregation and to all of you for "bonding" with Israel. Do you think we can get 100% (no Jew left behind) participation and raise the level even higher. Looking forward to working with you all to achieve the next level. The Israel Bond Committee will sponsor a Shul Kiddish if we get more than 90% membership participation; regardless of the amount raised. For a minimum of \$100 you can get on the honor roll and in line for the Kiddush.

ANNUAL TESHUVA LECTURE

The I. David and Miriam Goldstein annual Teshuva lecture will take place on Sunday night, Sept 21 at 8 pm at OT. Rabbi Mordechai Becher will present "Repentance and the Power of Oneness". Rabbi Becher is a prominent lecturer for Gateways Seminars and educator on Shalom TV. All donations will be utilized to provide yom tov meals for the poor in Israel.

SEFORIM DONATIONS

Thanks to the following for their generous Seforim donations:

-Myron and Shelia Bursky in memory of Abraham S. Bursky Z"L

-Myron and Shelia Bursky in memory of Anna R. Bursky Z"L

-Myron and Shelia Bursky in memory of Edward Leder Z"L

-Myron and Shelia Bursky in memory of Dora Leder Z"L

-Michael & Penny Kaplan in memory of Dena Lieblich's father David Greenbaum Z"L

LOST & FOUND

On Rosh Hashana 2012, A brown leatherbound Artscoll Machzor with the name Dovid Yehuda (in Hebrew) was taken by accident. If you find it in your home or in OT, please return it to the Lowinger family.

LUNCH AND LEARN

The Retiree Lunch and Enjoy, Presents Follow Me: The Yoni Netanyahu story is an intimate journey into a young hero's mind. The narration for this compelling film was drawn from Yonatan Netanyahu's own letters and words, which unveil the complex character of this thoroughly modern young hero. Yonatan's words are deeply moving through his deep-rooted introspection, self-understanding, and heartfelt passions. The video will be preceded by an introduction given by Dr. Max Wisotsky. 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: Wednesday, Oct 22, 2014

Time: 12:00 noon

Location: Congregation Ohr Torah, 48 Edgemount Rd, Edison, NJ

RSVP Bella blerner18@optonline.net 732

317-1786, Mildred 732 572-1712, or Marcia

ppheffer@verizon.net 732 572-5998

The Yoni Netanyahu Story

TEENS

Rabbi Luban will be speaking to the Teens at 12:35 AM in the Beis Medrash, followed by a Teen Slichos at 1:00 AM. This year's program is in memory of Bayrish Schreiber Z"L, our beloved Slichos Chazan. All Teen Minyan members and their parents are encouraged to come join us as we start what should be a meaningful Yomim Noraim season for everyone.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHARITY FUND FOR THE BLIND

As leaves start to turn amber and fall, the Yamim Nora'im are upon us, Once again, I appeal to the Congregation for The Charity Fund for the Blind. This organization, which was founded by Aliza Goldstein and her husband Yehuda of Jerusalem, has no paid employees and zero overhead. Aliza and Yehuda, when they started to help the blind of Jerusalem used only their personal resources and those of family members. However, the number of people who requested assistance from them multiplied and the needs of the families also increased. At that point, 5 years ago, Aliza contacted me and asked if I

could assist her. Since then, I have been raising funds during chodesh Elul for this holy work.

During this summer of crisis for all Israel, the needs of these special families must still be met. Accordingly, my appeal takes on a more critical urgency as other sources of funding are strained and are diminished. Rest assured, every dollar of assistance you provide is used efficiently and directly with not a penny spent outside of the direct help that is dispensed.

Please send your donations directly to Bella Lerner, 1 Celler Road, Edison. Make checks payable to Congregation Ohr Torah- Gemach and write Charity Fund for the Blind on the memo line.

In the merit of your act of tzedakah, may Hashem Yitbarach bless you and your family with good health and success in the coming year. Thank you again for your continued assistance.

RJJ MIKVAH SCHEDULE

Erev Rosh Hashanah early AM to 6PM, closed 1:30 -2:30 for cleaning.

Erev Yom Kippur early AM to 5PM, closed 1-2PM for cleaning.

SIMCHAT BEIT HOSHEAVA

Join the entire community in a Simchat Beit Hosheava, the traditional Sukkot party that brings unity and joy, coordinated by the Mekor Chaim/Steinsaltz Ambassadors program and RPRY at the RPRY Sukkah on Sunday, Oct 12, starting 6PM. Food, dancing, joy and happiness! All ages are welcome! Contact Rabbi Shmulie Greene at rabbi@steinsaltz.org for more info and sponsorship opportunities.

ACTT SAYS THANK YOU!

Thank you to all the sponsors and attendees for making the ACTT September 7th event with Rabbi Yissocher Frand so successful and meaningful! The current source book for the entire year is: "Living Emunah - Achieving a Life of Serenity through Faith". For more info, see the ACTT website, www.actt613.org, e-mail info@actt613.org or call Phil Rosen (732) 572-8762.

PRE-YOM TOV BOUTIQUE

A pre-yom tov boutique will be held Sunday, Sept 21st from 3pm to 8pm at 20 Celler Road, featuring Hats by Hedy, Tablecloths by Anita, House gifts by Ricki, It's a Girl's Thing by Lois and Ties and Cufflinks by Alan. A percentage will be given to tzedakah.

BIKUR CHOLIM

-Bikur Cholim is looking for men who are able to go to the hospital on Rosh HaShanah to blow the shofar for the Jewish patients. Anyone who is able to do this can contact Mrs. Ronnie Shilcrat on (732)690-7193.

-Bikur Cholim is looking for men or women who are able to take Arba Minim to the hospital for the Jewish patients all the days of Sukkos. We are looking for men or women at least 16 years old. Chessed hours are available. We'll supply the Arba Minim as necessary. Anyone who is able to do this can contact Mrs. Ronnie Shilcrat on (732) 690-7193 or by email volunteers@bikurcholimrv.org.

OE YOUTH EVENTS

For Senior Girls in 5th-6th Grades: Challah Baking, Plate Decorating, Refreshments and Friends! THIS Motzei Shabbat, Sept 20th from 8-10PM at OE. \$10 per girl.

For Sprouts, 1st and 2nd graders and Juniors, 3rd and 4th graders: Join us at OE on Sunday Sept 28th (Tzom Gedaliah) from 1:30-3:00 PM for T-shirt Designing, Challah Making, snacks and friends! \$7 per child.

FUN ON THE CHAGIM WITH OE
Sukkah Hop! First Day of Sukkot. All Divisions
(children 1st grade and younger must be with an
adult), 3:30-5:30 PM; Drop off and Pick up at OE
For Senior Boys in 5th and 6th Grades: Chol
Hamoed Bowling!! Sunday October 12th from 7:00-
9:00 PM; Pick up & drop off at Brunswick
Zone, 790 US Highway 1 in North Brunswick.
\$12 per boy.

Please RSVP for each of these programs
to oechildren@gmail.com. Please specify shirt
size for the Sprouts and Juniors program

CNJKIDS

Central New Jersey Kehilot Investing in Day
Schools, Inc. ("CNJKIDS") invites the entire Jewish
community of Central New Jersey to attend its first
annual breakfast.

The guest of honor will be Abe Schwartzbard, who
will be honored with CNJKIDS' Inaugural "Pillar of
Jewish Continuity" Award.

Guest Speaker will be Alan Cooperman, author of
"A Portrait of Jewish Americans" and Director of
Religion Research at the Pew Research Center. Mr.
Cooperman's topic: "Findings from the Pew
Research Center's Survey of U.S. Jews".

The event will take place at Cong Ohr Torah, 48
Edgemount Rd, in Edison, New Jersey, on Sunday,
Nov 2, 2014, from 9:30- 11am. There will be no
covert. Please RSVP to cnjkids@gmail.com.

MA'AYANOT YESHIVA HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS ANNUAL YOM IYUN

Ma'ayanot Yeshiva High School for Girls is pleased
to invite the community to their annual Yom Iyun
on Tzom Gedalia, Sept 28th, from 9:30am to 12:30
pm at the school (1650 Palisade Ave, Teaneck).
The Yom Iyun will begin with a shiur by keynote
speaker Mrs. Leah Herzog on the topic "Why
Remember? The Role of Memory in Jewish
Life," followed by additional shiurim by members
of the Ma'ayanot faculty. Men and women are
welcome. This event is generously sponsored by
the Staiman family in commemoration of the
yahrtzeit of Mr. Staiman's father, Shalom Tzvi
ben Aharon, Sholom Staiman. Additional
sponsorship opportunities are available. For more
info, please contact Pam Ennis at
ennisp@maayanot.org or 201-833-4307, ext. 265

AMERICAN FRIENDS OF HERZOG HOSPITAL

Highland Park/Edison is raising funds to bring a
troop of Israeli veteran soldiers to our community
this coming November. These soldiers suffered
from a traumatic experience during their
service. They will come here for much needed
therapy and respite through the Peace of Mind
program

(<http://www.peaceofmindictp.com/index.html>).

Please show your support and Hakarat Hatov to
soldiers who have risked their lives for
Israel. RSVP to Barbara Strassman
(barbara.strassman@gmail.com or 732/545-3931).
If you 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.

CHAI LIFELINE SHABBATON-SEEKING SPONSORS AND VOLUNTEERS

The Raritan Valley community will be hosting a
Chai Lifeline "Friends & Fun" Shabbaton, bringing
30-35 children (7-18 yrs old) who have life-
threatening illnesses to our neighborhood for a
weekend of fun on October 31st. Please help us
make this an event to remember. Sponsor or

contribute today (all contributions will be displayed
on a recognition card):

- \$ 1,000- Sponsor Shabbat meal (Platinum)
- \$ 500- Sponsor Seudah Shlishit (Gold)
- \$ 360- Sponsor a child for the weekend (Silver)
- \$ 180- Sponsor Saturday night event (Sponsor)
- Up to \$ 180- Contributor

Please make checks out to "Chai Lifeline" and mail
to David Waizer, 53 North 7th Ave, Highland Park,
NJ 08904.

Teens from Highland Park/Edison/East Brunswick
are encouraged to volunteer; please contact
Barbara Edery at barbaraedery@gmail.com. This
event qualifies for *chesed* hours and a letter can
be provided upon request.

SOFER AT JUDAICA GALLERY

The Sofer will be at Judaica Gallery, 300 Raritan
Avenue (corner of S. 3rd and Raritan), this
Sunday, Sept 21. Store hours are 10am - 5pm.
Walk-ins are welcome but if possible, please
call [732-828-7722](tel:732-828-7722), and let us know you are
coming! Please be aware that Raritan Ave will be
closed for the Arts in the Park Street Fair so one
must park off of the avenue.

MITZVAH OF LOVE BRUNCH

MAKE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE: Mitzvah of
Love Brunch Sunday, Nov 9, 201 At Cong Ahavas
Achim at 11:30am Our Honoree is: Rebbetzin
Devorah Hilsenrath. Our Certificate Honorees are:
Carol Levin z'l & Martha Rotter.

CHUG IVRIT

For intermediate to advanced Hebrew speakers
meet's one Sunday per month at 11:00 a.m. We
chat in Hebrew and read a short Hebrew story or
article. We'd love to have you join us! To find out
where and when we are meeting in Sept,
contact Rachel Weintraub at [732-819-
9298](tel:732-819-9298) or rachel@weintraubworld.net.

A new Chug Ivrit has started for advanced-
beginners who'd like to improve their skills in
Hebrew reading and speaking but don't yet feel
ready for the higher level Chug. It meets
one Sunday per month from 10-11am. If you are
interested in joining this Chug, contact Rachel
Weintraub at [732-819-9298](tel:732-819-9298)
or rachel@weintraubworld.net for date and
location of the September meeting.

ISRAEL MISSION

Ahavas Achim invites you to join
the Goldberg family on our 13th annual Israel
Mission, from Jan 14-26, 2015. The mission will
include roundtrip non-stop flights on El Al Israel
Airlines from Newark, 8 nights at the King
Solomon Hotel, 2 nights at Kibbutz Lavi, 3 day
touring excursion with experienced guides, full
Israeli breakfast daily, dinners at Kibbutz
Lavi, Friday night and Shabbat lunch on both
Shabbat, tips, transfers, and handling. The cost
per person (based on double occupancy)
is \$2085 plus airport tax and fuel surcharge
(currently \$695). Registration begins Sept 1.
Registration is available on a first come, first
serve basis with a deposit of \$150 per person
by Wed, Oct 1. To register, visit the mission
website at www.arieltours.com/aamission.

Questions can be directed
toaamission@arieltours.com on or after Sept 1.

JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES NEWS

1) Jewish Family Services of Middlesex County is
in desperate need of the following food items for
the Kosher Food Pantry in Milltown : pasta, rice,
cereal (hot and cold), juice, tuna, jelly, pasta
sauce, canned vegetables. Please note that the

pantry only takes non-perishable, unexpired food.
Please bring donations to the Milltown office, 32
Ford Ave., 2nd Floor. Thank you for your support.

2) JRecovery Anonymous support group:
Calling all Jewish alcoholics, addicts and anyone
(family, friends) affected by addiction. If you are
feeling isolated and hopeless, this is the place for
you! JRecovery Anonymous is a peer support
group that meets every Monday night 7:30 –
8:30PM at Jewish Family Services, 32 Ford Ave.
2nd Floor, Milltown. New and experienced 12-step
group participants welcome. Join us each Monday
on our journey of comfort and support. For more
info call JFS: [732-777-1940](tel:732-777-1940) or email:

office@jfsmiddlesex.org. Please park on the
street, walk through the parking lot and use the
ramp entrance to access the elevator to the
second floor.

FOR WOMEN

-Bikur Cholim OWLS (Overnight Women Labor
Support): If you are an expectant mother and
don't have coverage with a family member or a
friend to stay with your kids when it is time to go
to the hospital, Bikur Cholim offers a
complimentary service. Volunteers will come to
stay with your kids during the night. Please note
that this service is only provided for maternity
situations. Please call at least 3 weeks before the
due date, if not sooner, to be able to make the
necessary arrangements. For more info on
receiving this service or to find out about
becoming a volunteer, please contact Ricki at [732-
249-5116](tel:732-249-5116). Thank you.

-Rabbi Bassous: class for women on
Sefer Yonah, Sunday, Sept 21 at 10AM at Cong.
Etz Ahaim.

-Rebbitzin Eichenstein's classes for women:
Tefillah class on Sunday, Sept 21 at 10AM at
Aguda shul; Parsha class on Monday, Sept 22
at 8PM at Cong Ohr Torah. For more info, please
contact Aviva Siegel at [732-572-
4408](tel:732-572-4408) siegelmom@optonline.net,

-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

-SemPlus shiur: All post seminary girls in the
community are invited to a Leil Hisorerus.
Speaker: Rabbi Drucker. Sunday evening,
September 21, upstairs in the Aguda shule at 9:15
PM. For more info, please call 908-420-0253.

-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 Ophrah and other Cholim in the
community.

ATTENTION TEENS AND PARENTS OF TEENS

YAAD is pleased to partner with the Rae Kushner
Yeshiva High School for an evening of music,
Tefillah, and inspiration, THIS Motzei Shabbat,
September 20th. There will be a kumtitz and
Melave Malka (Chickies) at 9:15pm and Selichot at
10:30pm. The event is FREE. Transportation can
be provided from Highland Park/Edison if there are

enough students signed up. Please RSVP to Miriam Tennenbaum at aayouth100@gmail.com for questions or to sign up.

EMPLOYMENT NETWORK OF RARITAN VALLEY

Looking for work? We can help. Go to www.ENRV.org or contact Bob Lansey at ENRVInfo@gmail.com. We post over 200 jobs each month, and help people with their resume and search strategies.

Please help: If you know of any professional, part-time, or temporary job openings, please e-mail the information to ENRVInfo@gmail.com.

PARK MIKVAH

- The Edison/Highland Park Mikvah is open Sunday-Thursday 9-11pm. Saturday nights through Oct 4, hours are 9pm-11pm..

Friday nights and Rosh Hashanah are by APPOINTMENT ONLY, and should be made by the day before. Erev Yom Kippur, Oct 3, the mikvah is closed. Fee: \$20. You must arrive and leave during regular hours, or incur an additional \$20 additional fee. To schedule an appy, or leave a message, 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. However, the Mikvah will be closed immediately upon the end of the Minyan as the Shul needs to be closed. Please leave the area clean and neat.

LOCAL ERUV

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

Parshas Ha'azinu

Candlelighting	6:30PM
Mincha	6:25PM

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.

Sof Davar

by Moshe Sherman

Kasriel Zvi Sarasohn (1835-1905)

During the 1860s, a generation before the great influx of Eastern European immigrants, Jews began leaving the impoverished village of Suwalk, for America. Industry had not yet developed in Suwalk, and Jews still depended for their livelihood on meager trade with surrounding farm villages. One of those early Eastern European immigrants was Kasriel Sarasohn, a poor shopkeeper who owned a small paper business. In America, he would become a successful journalist, publisher, philanthropist and communal leader.

Born in 1835, Kasriel Zvi Sarasohn came to America largely at the advice of his brother-in-law, and later, occasional business partner, often competitor, Mordekhai Yahalomshteyn, a learned maskil, who had been persecuted for his enlightened views, and fled to America in 1861. Sarasohn first came to New York in 1866, but stayed for only a short while before returning to Suwalk. In 1871, he immigrated to America with his entire family. Settling on the Lower East Side, the two brothers-in-law became pioneers of the Yiddish press in America, but it was Sarasohn, in particular, who would become a prominent publisher of both Yiddish and Hebrew language newspapers and periodicals.

Sarasohn wisely recognized that a growing constituency of Yiddish speaking immigrants were eager to obtain news and information regarding matters of general and Jewish concern. In 1874, he began publishing a weekly Yiddish newspaper, *Die Yiddische Gazetten*. The success of the *Yiddische Gazetten* led, in 1885, to the inauguration of the world's first daily Yiddish newspaper, the *Yiddische Tageblatt*. (*The first Yiddish daily newspaper in Russia, Der Friend was established in St. Petersburg in 1903, almost two decades later than in America*). With the founding of the *Yiddische Tageblatt*, Sarasohn's other newspaper, the *Yiddische Gazetten*, became a weekly magazine insert bundled with the *Tageblatt*, devoted mostly to creative fiction, poetry and popular literary material. The *Yiddische Tageblatt* achieved enormous success, attaining a daily circulation of more than 70,000, and was notably influential among Orthodox Jewish immigrants. Sarasohn's newspapers criticized Reform Judaism and their anti-Zionism, and railed against, what he regarded as, the assimilationist tendencies of socialism. His notable friend and colleague at *Der Forverts*, Abraham Kahn, was a lifelong ideological and professional rival. The *Tageblatt* helped Jews adjust to American life, encouraged them to gain a secular education, to accommodate to certain aspects of modern culture, and to improve their economic and political status. The *Yiddische Tageblatt* also promoted religious Zionism, and Sarasohn personally attended two of the Zionist Congresses in Europe. Committed to the publication of Hebrew language periodicals, as well, Sarasohn became a major benefactor of R. Judah David Eisenstein's Hebrew language publishing ventures, (*more on him in the future*) and helped to support, *Ha-Ivri*, a Hebrew language journal, founded in 1892.

In addition to his business finesse, Sarasohn emerged as one of the most influential lay leaders of Orthodox Jews in New York. He deftly managed to develop trust and credibility among all sectors of New York's diverse Orthodox community. He developed relationships with the city's modern Orthodox leadership, many of whom hailed from Western Europe, serving as vice-president of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, while maintaining close contact with Eastern European rabbis and their rabbinic union, the Agudath ha-Rabbonim.

A prominent philanthropist, Sarasohn was instrumental in the formation of the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, the Hebrew Sheltering Home (1882), and served as chairman of the Kishinev Relief Committee (1903). He was one of the founders and financial supporters of the East Broadway Talmud Torah and later the Montefiore Talmud Torah. In 1901, he visited Palestine, and on his return was elected president of a committee to collect funds for the support of the poor in eretz Israel.

Kasriel Sarasohn died of pneumonia on January 12, 1905, at the age of 70. Newspaper reports confirm that thousands of people lined the streets of the Lower East side to show their respect, on the day of his funeral.