



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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48 Edgemount Road Edison, NJ 08817

Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi

Russell Adler- President

Parshas Miketz

Candlelighting: 4:15 PM
Mincha: 4:25 PM
Shacharis: 7:45 & 9:00 AM
Rabbi Hoffman's Shiur after Hashkama
Sof Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA): 9:36AM
Rabbi Luban's Sotah Shiur – 3:05 PM
Mincha: 1:45 & 3:55 PM
NOTE EARLIER MINCHA TIME TO ACCOMMODATE SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE TALK
Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Rav Simcha Hochbaum
Maariv: 5:20 PM

Weekday Shacharis:

Sun. 7:15, 8 & 9 AM
Mon. (Rosh Chodesh) 6:12, 7:05, 8 & 9 AM
Tues (Rosh Chodesh) 6:12, 7:05, & 8 AM
Weds. (Zos Chanukah) 6:12, 7:05 & 8AM
Thurs. 6:17, 7:05, 8 & 9 AM
Fri. 6:30, 7:10, & 8 AM
Note: Earliest Talis and Tefillin – Mon-Tues. 6:19, Wed.-Thur. 6:20,

Weekday Mincha/ Maariv:

4:25 PM
R. Luban's Sheilos Uteshuvos Shiur Mon.: 9:10 pm
Rabbi Sauer's Daf Yomi Iyuan Shiur – Sunday after 7:15 Shacharis
Rabbi Billowitz' Halacha Shiur – Sunday after 8 AM Shacharis
Kollel Learning: Weds. 8-10:10 PM

Weekday Maariv 7:30 & 10:10 PM

Daf Yomi Schedule:

Monday-Thursday - after 7:30 Maariv
 Friday-after Kabbolas Shabbos & Maariv
 Shabbos -8:15 AM & after Hashkama
 Sunday-after 8AM Shacharis

SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE

Ohr Torah is pleased to welcome Rav Simcha Hochbaum as our scholar-in-residence this shabbos. Rav currently teaches at Yeshivat Reishit and gives shiurim in many Yeshivot and seminaries throughout Israel. In addition, Rav Simcha is the Director of Tourism for the Hebron Fund, and gives spiritual and uplifting tours of Chevron, the Old City and communities throughout Yehuda and Shomron.

Schedule of Events:

Friday: Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat (4:25 pm)
 Rav Hochbaum will be leading an inspiring and ruach filled kabbalat Shabbat in the main sanctuary at Ohr Torah.

Friday Night Oneg (8:30—10pm)

Join Rav Hochbaum for a Oneg at the Hercman residence at 9 Ryan Rd, Edison. Men and women are welcome.

Shabbat Day - Hashkama (7:45 am) / Main Minyan (9am) Rav Hochbaum offers an uplifting Shabbos Drasha, titled "Mesirat Nefesh for Eretz Yisrael"

Mincha / Shalosh Seudot (3:55 pm)

Rav Hochbaum will be giving a Shiur on Megilat Chanukah / Megilat Antiochus

28 Kislev 5775

We would like to thank the following sponsors for making this Shabbos possible:

- The Wiesel Family
- Nadine and Jonathan Teitelbaum
- Erez and Aviva Shimoni
- Izzy and Rebecca Rivkin
- Jeff and Rena Klein
- Payim and Joanne Hanian
- Marc and Lynn Hanfling
- Chavi and Zephyr Chomsky
- Shani and Alan Singer
- Alisa and Srulee Hercman
- Asaf and Penina Shmuel
- Aryeh and Shelley Zinkin
- Moshe and Glenda Sherman
- Nitza and Russell Adler

MAZEL TOV

... to Suzanne and Jason Jurkevich on the Bat Mitzvah of Kayla Rose this weekend. Mazel tov to the entire Jurkevich and Braun families.

...Rachel and Mendy Lerner on the engagement of their son Noah to Dorine Ditesheim of Israel. Mazel Tov to grandparents Bella and Henry Lerner and the entire Lerner family.

HASHKAMAH KIDDUSH

Hashkamah Kiddush is sponsored by Rozzie and Jeff Slepoy in honor of Jeff having been Chosson Torah.

KIDDUSH

Kiddush is sponsored by Debbie and Moshe Schneider in memory of the Yahrzeit of Debbie's father Emanuel Libin, Imanuel ben Shimon A"H. Kiddush sponsorship is available for Dec 27th and Jan 3rd, 24th & 31st. To sponsor a Kiddush or reserve the Kiddush room, please contact Mel Barenholtz in person, or by phone or email: mbarenh@yahoo.com.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos is sponsored by Dr. Ted Stahl in memory of the yahrzeit of Doug Stahl. Rabbis Israel Rivkin and Josh Rapps will speak in honor of the Yahrzeit before Rav Hochbaum.

To sponsor a Shalosh Seudos, please contact Moshe Wiesel.

YOUTH EVENTS

- Tuesday night Dec 23rd, the last night of Chanukah, 6:30-9:00 pm - Ohr Torah's Grand Zot Chanukah dinner and Children's Chinese Auction. Children, parents & grandparents invited. Dinner: (mac/cheese, latkes & sufganiyot); Music, games, Ventriloquist/Magician/Puppet Show/Chinese Auction. Please contact Mayer Berg via email

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marcberg@verizon.net. OT members: \$10/person or \$36/family; Non-members: \$18/person or \$50/family; Sponsorships for \$50 and \$100 available; You can drop off checks at the home of Mayer Berg @15 Edgemount Rd.

If you would like to be a sponsor for our Chanukah program please contact Mayer Berg via email at marcberg@verizon.net. Checks can be dropped off at the Ohr Torah Shul mailbox @ 48 Edgemount Road in Edison or at the home of Mayer Berg @15 Edgemount Road. Please write in the lower left hand corner of each check "OT Chanukah Celebration Sponsor".

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Please reserve January 13 at 8:30 pm for a meeting of the membership. The agenda will include:

1. 2015 budget
2. Yomim Naraim Shaliach Tzibbor
3. Dinner update
4. Credit card update

SEFORIM DONATIONS

Thanks to the following for their generous Seforim donations:

- Edward & Sharon Lowinger in memory of Bobbi Engel's mother Ethel Paltrowitz Z"L
- Marcia & Paul Pheffer in memory of Joel Adler Z"L
- Jonathan & Edna Gross in memory of Joel Adler Z"L
- Moshe & Ricki Nat in memory of Joel Adler Z"L
- Moshe & Ricki Nat in memory of Russell Adler's mother Marion Adler Z"L
- Moshe & Ricki Nat in memory of Fay Moskovic's mother Sabina Sarah Schusselberg Z"L
- Moshe & Ricki Nat in memory of Bobbi Engel's mother Ethel Paltrowitz Z"L
- Gedalia & Phyllis Reiss in memory of Joel Adler Z"L
- Gedalia & Phyllis Reiss in honor of the Bar Mitzva of Binyamin Zinkin

OHR TORAH ANNUAL YOUTH RAFFLE

Please help support Ohr Torah's youth groups by purchasing raffle ticket(s). 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 March 8th. Please contact Barry Siegel, Josh Caplan, Charlie Gershbaum, Jeff Klein or Meir Berg to purchase tickets. All proceeds support the OT Youth programs. Thank you.

REMINDER: The emergency Defibrillators are located on the wall in the upstairs hallway and on the wall in the downstairs entry hallway.

PLEASE SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR MORE OHR TORAH INFORMATION

CHAIM V CHESD

The Chaim V Chesed House would like to purchase two pairs of Tefillin, two Talaisim, Siddurim and Seforim in memory of our Beloved Gabbai Yosef Yitzchok ben Zev Halavi, Z"L, Joel Adler. The Tefillin and Tallisim will be used by family members staying at the Chaim V Chesed House who have relatives hospitalized at Robert Wood Johnson Hospital and do not have their Tallit and Tefillin with them. The Tefillin and Tallit Bags will be inscribed Zecher Nishmas Joel's Adler's Hebrew and English name and will certainly be a beautiful tribute to Joel's memory. Any donations to this worthy project would be very much appreciated. A list of donors will be given to the Adler family. Any excess proceeds received will be used to make further dedications at the Chaim V Chesed House in memory of Joel Adler. Checks should be made payable to Cong. Ohr Torah and note Chaim V Chesed House in the memo line. Checks should be mailed to Moshe Wiesel, 11 Fairhill Road, Edison, New Jersey 08817

THE RETIREE LUNCH AND ENJOY

Broadway Musicals: A Jewish Legacy examines the unique role of Jewish composers and lyricists in the creation of the modern American musical. The film showcases the work of legends such as Irving Berlin, Jerome Kern, George and Ira Gershwin, Lorenz Hart, Richard Rodgers, Oscar Hammerstein II, Leonard Bernstein, and Stephen Sondheim. This entertaining documentary mingles cultural history with illuminating perspectives on the origins and meanings of some of Broadway's most beloved songs, stories, and shows. The program will be orchestrated by Dr. Moshe Sherman, Teacher of Jewish history at Touro University. Rabbi Dr. Israel Rivkin will deliver the Chanukah D'var Torah. This program will include a light lunch in the Chanukah tradition from 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 is a charge of \$10 per person to help defray the cost of the meal. Date: Tuesday, December 23, 2014, Time: 12:00 noon at OT. RSVP Bella blerner18@optonline.net 732 317-1786, Mildred [732 572-1712](tel:732-572-1712), or Marcia ppheffer@verizon.net 732 572-5998

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS **COMMUNITY KOLLEL BREAKFAST**

Dr. Moshe Schneider, Chairman of the 7th Annual Highland Park Community Kollel Breakfast, is pleased to announce that the Guests of Honor for this year's Breakfast will be Mr. and Mrs. Chaim & Raizy Krauss. The breakfast will IYH take place at Cong Ohr Torah on Sunday Morning, Feb 1st at 9:30am. Invitations and additional info will be forthcoming. We look forward to greeting you there.

HAKARAS HATOV

It is never too late to express HaKaras HaTov to our community (of 34 years) for your kindness and support during the Shloshim for our mother, Mrs. Yetta Moritz z'l. We would be remiss if we did not specially thank and praise the stellar and dedicated Rabbinic leaders of our community. It's hard to imagine a more hectic segment of time in a Rabbi's life than several hours before the start of Yom Kippur. Yet, our Chashuva Rabbis Luban, Kaufman, and Kaminetsky were standing there together with our family at the cemetery supporting us in our grief by their very presence. We don't reflect often enough on how much they provide to our community. They do so selflessly and whole-heartedly. Our Kehilla is fortunate to have them as our Rabbanim. May we all share Smachot in the future!

The Singer Family

AGUNOT UNCHAINED: CURRENT HALACHIC & PHILOSOPHICAL PERSPECTIVES

The Yom Iyun on Dec 25 presented by the Orthodox Forum of Edison/Highland Park will include stimulating lectures as well as breakfast and lunch. The program follows the 8pm Minyan at Cong Ahavas Achim. **The cost is \$20/person and registration by Dec 20 by emailing hpeditonorthodoxforum@gmail.com will guarantee your spot.** Iyun hear from the Av Bet Din of The International Bet Din for Agunot, Rabbi Simcha Krauss, as headlined in the "The Jewish Week". Chaim Saiman, Professor of Law, Villanova University, will discuss, "Evolution vs. Revolution in Jewish Law" and Rabbi Dr. Jeremy Weider, Rosh Yeshiva, Yeshiva University, will present, "A Response to the New Bet Din".

For more info about the Orthodox Forum, sponsorships or this program visit: www.orthodoxjewishforum.org

RPRY NEWS & EVENTS CHANUKAH EVENT

Rabbi Pesach Raymon Yeshiva invites the entire community to a Chanukah party on Tuesday, Dec 23RD from 5:30-7pm at the Young Israel of East Brunswick, 193 Dunhams Corner Rd. Pizza and refreshments will be served. There will be games and prizes for all ages. For more info, contact Ida Scheiner at [\(732\) 247-3073](tel:732-247-3073).

SCHOLARSHIP FUND BREAKFAST

The annual Toby Mayer Memorial Scholarship Fund Breakfast will take place on Sunday, Dec 28 at 9:30 am. This year's Educational Excellence Award will be presented to Mrs. Emily Menasha. The breakfast is the premier event of RPRY's annual scholarship fund campaign, which helps the Yeshiva continue its mission to provide a Jewish day school education to every Jewish child, regardless of the family's ability to pay. Your support is needed and appreciated, so please give generously. Donate at RPRY.org or contact Yehuda Kohn at ykohn@rpry.org for more info.

TASTE OF HONEY OPEN HOUSE

Prospective parents and students - Thursday Dec 25th 9:15 to 10:15am. Meet Staff, students and administration. RSVP: egross@rpry.org

ANNUAL RJJ LADIES LUNCHEON NEXT SUNDAY

The Rabbi Jacob Joseph School will be having their Annual Ladies Luncheon and Chinese Auction next Sunday, January 4, 2015 at 12:00 pm at Cong Ohr Torah, 48 Edgemount Rd Edison, NJ. There is no covert to attend and there will be complimentary babysitting on site. Rebbetzin Aviva Feiner, an acclaimed speaker from

Woodmere, NY, will be speaking and Mrs. Rachelle Stern will be hosting. This year's luncheon will be honoring Mrs. Marcia Langer of East Brunswick, in memory of her mother, Mrs. Judith Stern a"h. Any questions please call [732-985-6533](tel:732-985-6533) or email RJJEdison@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you there.

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS NETWORKING EVENT

Network | Socialize | Connect

Wednesday, January 7 from 6-8pm
Location: Ohav Shalom, 270 West 84 Street
New York NY 10024

Expand your network, increase your opportunities, and connect and socialize with friends and fellow alumni! Dinner will be served.

For more info about this or other Alumni Network events and opportunities, email alumni@thejec.org or call [908-355-4850](tel:908-355-4850) x6248.

HP EDISON CONNECTS WOMEN'S POTLUCK MELAVA 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, Dec 27th, 2014, at 7:30 pm at the home of Sharon and Louis Glinn (162 N. 8th Ave, 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](tel: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!

BELLA'S HATS

Sunday 12/21 from 11AM to 1PM at the home of Sarah Scott 22 Celler Road, Edison. A portion of the sale will be donated to RPRY and the shul.

LOCAL TEAM YACHAD

VOLUNTEERSCHEDULED TO PARTICIPATE IN HALF MARATHON

A member of our Edison-HP community, Natalie Leichtman, is running a half-marathon with Team Yachad in Miami this January. Yachad, The National Jewish Council for Disabilities, promotes the inclusion of individuals with special needs in all aspects of Jewish life. Sponsor her by going to miami.teamyachad.com/runner/Natalie.

THE 2ND ANNUAL RARITAN VALLEY COMMUNITY POLAND PILGRIMAGE

After last year's great success.... Join us this July 12-20, 2015 for an uplifting, inspiring and unforgettable journey through hundreds of years of Jewish history and heritage. We will visit the cities of Warsaw, Krakow, Lodz and Lublin as well as the Chassidic centers of Gur and Lezajsk. We will also tell the story of the Shoah visiting Auschwitz, Majdanek, Belzec, and other moving and significant sites. Rabbi Shraga Gross will be joining us for this incredible journey.

We wish to preserve the intimacy of this experience and so space will be limited. There will also be an opportunity to personalize the itinerary if requests are received early enough.

For more info contact: Nitza Adler at: **(732) 670 4649** or email morahnitza28@gmail.com

ACTT

The ACTT (Achieving Change Through Torah) program helps individuals succeed in making meaningful and lasting changes in their lives. The current source book is: "Living Emunah - Achieving a Life of Serenity through Faith". For more info, see the ACTT web-site, www.actt613.org, e-mail info@actt613.org or call Phil Rosen (732) 572-8762.

FOR WOMEN

-Women's Learning Initiative- An inspiring series on the deeper meaning of the Laws of Shmiras HaLashon will be given by Mrs. Leah Drillman. For more information and to join, please call Ellen Smith at [201 410 1893](tel:2014101893).

-Rebbitzen Eichenstein's classes for women: No class on Sunday, Dec. 21. No class on Monday, Dec. 22. For more information, please contact Aviva Siegel at 732-572-4408

siegelmom@optonline.net.

- Mrs. Miri Cohen's Parsha class: No class on Wednesday, December 24.

- MIKVAH TEA: The Highland Park Mikvah would like to invite the community to its annual "virtual tea". Invitations have already been sent out. If you have not received an invitation or would like to be added to the mikvah mailing list, please contact Rena Klein at renalg@aol.com. *There is still time to get a 2014 tax deduction!* Thank you.

-Highland Park/Edison Connects and the Women's Learning Initiative invite all women of the community to the inaugural Ladies Lunch and Learn program. This event is being sponsored by Jerusalem Pizza in memory of Mr. Joel Adler, A'H. It will be held on Wednesday, December 24th from 12:00-1:30 pm at the home of Elle Lieblich, 446 Harrison Ave, HP. The program will feature a screening of the inspirational Rochel Imanu Yirtzeit video. A complimentary buffet lunch will be served. Adults only. To RSVP please contact Rachelle_Stern@Yahoo.com or call Elle at 520-203-6915.

-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 information on receiving this service or to find out about becoming a volunteer, please contact Rikki at [732-249-5116](tel:7322495116). Thank you.

-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.

-Rabbi Bassous: class for women on Sunday morning at 10:00 AM at Cong. Etz Ahaim. Book to be studied: Battle Plan by Rebbetzin Tziporah Heller and Sara Yocheved Rigler.

-Tiferes, a Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation program for women, will meet Motzai Shabbos, January 10 at **8:15 PM** at the home of Aviva Siegel, 16 Edgemount Road, Edison. An inspirational DVD will be shown. Weekly teleconferences with topics such as shalom bayis and parenting are also available to Tiferes members. Current series: Voices in Parenting with Mrs. Ruthie Lynn. For more info 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.

-Rabbi Weiss will be giving a weekly shiur for men and women on the Parsha with a focus on Emunah and Bitachon on Wednesday nights at 9:15 PM at the home of Marsha Eiserman home, 154 N. 10th Avenue, Highland Park.

-Rebbitzen Eichenstein's classes for women: No class on Sunday, Dec. 21. Please contact Aviva Siegel at 732-572-4408 siegelmom@optonline.net for status of Parsha class on Monday, Dec. 22.

-Women's Learning Initiative: An inspiring series on the deeper meaning of the Laws of Shmiras HaLashon will be given by Mrs. Leah Drillman. Class will start on Monday evening, December 29. For more information and to join, please call Ellen Smith at 201-410-1893.

-SemPlus shiur for post seminary girls: For more info on Wednesday night class, please call 732-841-1885.

- 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

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 Highland Park Mikvah is extending its winter hours! For the months of December, January, and February, the mikvah will be open: Sunday – Thursday evenings from 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM; Friday nights by appointment only. Saturday nights in December and January 7:30 – 10:00 PM. Saturday night hours for the month of February to be announced. Please arrive with enough time to be out before closing time. For more information, call [732-249-2411](tel:7322492411) or email hpmikvah@gmail.com. Thank you. Park Mikvah

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.

OHR TORAH NEWSLETTER: To subscribe to these Announcements, please see the Ohr Torah website: www.ohrtorah.net

E-MAIL LIST: To get on the Ohr Torah e-mail list, please contact Gene Wasserman at genew@compugene.com

BUILDING DEDICATION OPPORTUNITIES Contact Moshe Schneider at 732-618-4702.

TREE OF LIFE / 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

YAHRZEIT DATABASE: To register a family member in the Yahrzeit data base, please follow this link

<http://www.tinyurl.com/ot613> or speak with Ralph Dessau or Gene Wasserman.

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

Parshas Vayigash

Candlelighting	4:19 PM
Mincha	4:25 PM

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