



# Congregation Ohr Torah

## Weekly Announcements

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*Parshas Vayigash*

5 Tevet 5775

December 27, 2014

<b>Candlelighting:</b>	<b>4:19 PM</b>
<b>Mincha:</b>	<b>4:25 PM</b>
<b>Shacharis:</b>	<b>7:45, 9:00 &amp; 9:15 AM</b>
<i>Rabbi Hoffman's Shiur after Hashkama</i>	
<b>Sof Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA):</b>	<b>9:39AM</b>
<i>Rabbi Luban's Sotah Shiur – 3:25 PM</i>	
<b>Mincha:</b>	<b>1:45 &amp; 4:15 PM</b>
<i>Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Rabbi Nachbar</i>	
<b>Maariv:</b>	<b>5:25 PM</b>
<b>Weekday Shacharis:</b>	
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>7:15, 8 &amp; 9 AM</b>
<b>Mon.</b>	<b>6:17, 7:05, &amp; 8 AM</b>
<i>Earliest Talis and Tefillin: Mon. 6:22</i>	
<b>Thurs. (Asarah BeTeves)</b>	<b>see schedule</b>
<b>Tue, Wed. &amp; Fri.</b>	<b>6:30, 7:10, &amp; 8 AM</b>
<b>Weekday Mincha/ Maariv:</b>	<b>4:25 PM</b>
<i>R. Luban's Sheilos Uteshuvos Shiur Mon.: 9:10 pm</i>	
<i>Rabbi Sauer's Daf Yomi Tyun Shiur – Sunday after 7:15 Shacharis</i>	
<i>Rabbi Billowitz' Halacha Shiur – Sunday after 8 AM Shacharis</i>	
<i>Kollel Learning: Weds. 8-10:10 PM</i>	
<b>Weekday Maariv</b>	<b>7:30 &amp; 10:10 PM</b>
<b>Daf Yomi Schedule:</b>	
Monday-Thursday - after 7:30 Maariv	
Friday-after Kabbolas Shabbos & Maariv	
Shabbos -8:15 AM & after Hashkama	
Sunday-after 8AM Shacharis	

### KIDDUSH

Kiddush is sponsored by the Blum family in memory of the Yahrtzeit of their father Melvin Blum, Moshe Menachem Mendel ben Yosef A"H.

Kiddush sponsorship is available for Jan 3rd, 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).

### SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos is sponsored by Sheila and Henry Schanzer in memory of the Yahrtzeit of Henry's father Brachya ben Dov Halevi A"H.

### SEFORIM DONATIONS

Thanks to the following for their generous Seforim donations:

- Edward & Sharon Lowinger in memory of Sharon's grandmother Selma Cooperberg Z"L
- Peter & Rachelle Kassai in memory of Frumit Bas Menashe Z"L

### 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

### 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 8<sup>th</sup>.

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.

### MAZEL TOV

...to Shoshana and Brian Allen on the forthcoming marriage next Sunday in Israel of their daughter Talia to Reuven Kirshner. Mazel Tov as well to Talia's grandparents, Ralph and Rochelle Dessau and Manny and Florence Allen, her siblings, Dani, Shira and Gila, and to the entire Allen, Bachrach, Dessau and Gersten families.

...to Chaya Gurkov on the marriage of her grandson Eli Akerman to Rivkah Rosenberger, on the last day of Hanukkah. Mazel Tov to the entire Akerman and Rosenberger families.

... to Rachel Sherry (our part time secretary) on her engagement to Uriel Levi from Long Beach NY (Oak Park Michigan originally)

### YEAR END FINANCIALS

Year end statements have recently been mailed out. Please try to zero out any outstanding 2014 dues/pledges by the end of the year.

### NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome new members:

-Chaim and Faygie Lobel

### ASARAH BETEVES SCHEDULE

#### Thursday January 1

Fast Begins:	6:09 AM
Shacharis:	6:17, 7:05, 8 & 9 AM
Earliest Talis and Tefillin:	6:22 AM
Mincha:	12:45 & 4:10 PM
Late Maariv:	5:15 PM
Fast Ends:	5:32 PM

### COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### COMMUNITY KOLLEL BREAKFAST

Dr. Moshe Schneider, Chairman of the 7<sup>th</sup> 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 take place at Congregation Ohr Torah on Sunday Morning, February 1st 2015 at 9:30am. The Guest Speaker will be HaRav Yaakov Busel *Shlit"a*, Rosh HaYeshiva of Rabbi Jacob Joseph School (RJJ),

Edison, NJ. Invitations and additional information will be forthcoming. We look forward to greeting you there.

### NORPAC

Mark your calendars-upcoming NORPAC Washington mission May 13, 2015.

### RPRY

Please join us:

-The Annual Toby Mayer Memorial Scholarship Fund Breakfast - THIS Sunday, 12/28, 9:30 am. To RSVP, contact Josephine Krasnoff at [732-572-5052](tel:732-572-5052) x214 or [jkrasnoff@rpry.org](mailto:jkrasnoff@rpry.org). See attached flyer.

-RPRY Shma Under the Stars - NEXT Motzei Shabbos, 1/3, 7:00-8:00 pm, at RPRY. A beautiful and joyous celebration, for ages 2-6. See attached flyer.

-RPRY Parlor Meeting for current and prospective families - Tuesday, 1/6, 8:30 pm, at the home of Sari and Michael Klerer, 16 Celler Road, Edison. Come and learn more about WHY RPRY!

-RPRY Parlor Meeting for current and prospective families - Monday 1/12, 8:30 pm, at the home of Deena and Adam Schindelheim, 2 Franklin Court, EB. Come and learn more about WHY RPRY!

### ANNUAL RJJ LADIES LUNCHEON

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](mailto: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](mailto: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 27<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto: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!

**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**

## **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](http://www.actt613.org), e-mail [info@actt613.org](mailto:info@actt613.org) or call Phil Rosen (732) 572-8762.

## **AY**

ASARA B'TEVES / JANUARY 1ST YOM IYUN: AY is thrilled to announce a special Asara B'Teves / January 1st Yom Iyun featuring Rabbi Zev Reichman of the East Hill Synagogue of Englewood and the IBC and JSS programs at Yeshiva University. Rabbi Reichman will deliver a shiur on the topic of "Our Avodas HaShem in Teves." Shacharis will be at 8:15AM, with the shiur following. All are welcome to attend! For more information, please email [info@ayedison.org](mailto:info@ayedison.org).

## **FOR WOMEN**

-Mrs. Miri Cohen's Parsha class: Wednesday, December 31 at 9:15 AM at the home of Rikki Samel, 427 Dennison Street, Highland Park.  
- 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](mailto:renalg@aol.com). There is still time to get a 2014 tax deduction! Thank you.  
-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. 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, 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: Tefillah class on Sunday, December 28 at 10:00 AM at Aguda shule; Parsha class on Monday, December 29 at 8:00 PM at Congregation Ohr Torah. For more info, please contact Aviva Siegel at 732-572-4408 [siegelmom@optonline.net](mailto:siegelmom@optonline.net), Ricki Stern 732-828-6939 [rickistern@yahoo.com](mailto:rickistern@yahoo.com).  
-Women's Learning Initiative: Mrs. Leah Drillman's Shimiras Haloshon class: Mon. night, December 29 at 7:30 PM at the home of Ellen Smith, 407 North Eighth Ave., Edison. For more info, please call Ellen 201-410-1893 or 732-777-6787.  
-SemPlus shiur for post seminary girls: For more info on Wednesday night class, please call 732-841-1885.

## **RARITAN VALLEY HADASSAH**

-2015 Tu B'Shevat Seder: Wednesday, February 4, 7:00 p.m. Join us as the Raritan Valley Chapter of Hadassah and Raritan Valley Young Women Hadassah, L'Dor V'Dor come together for our 2015 Tu B'Shevat Seder on Wednesday, February 4 at 7:00 p.m. at the Highland Park Senior Center, 220 South Sixth Avenue. There is a \$5 covert at the door. Light refreshments will be provided. Members, non-members, and families are all welcome to attend! For more information, to RSVP or to volunteer and/or let us know which item you are bringing so we are able to get all of our needed items without duplication, please contact Neshama at 908-227-4869 or [shamrela30@hotmail.com](mailto:shamrela30@hotmail.com).

-January Membership Meeting: Tuesday, January 20, 7:30 PM. Highland Park Senior Center. "Everything You Wanted to Know about Your Computer but Were Afraid to Ask". Michael Beberman of CyberKnight Computers will talk about Computer Literacy and Security and his recent visit to Hadassah Hospital.

-Book Club: The next meeting of the Book Club will be held on Sunday, January 4, at 7:00 p.m. (place to be decided). We are starting a new book, As Dreamers by Yossi Klein Halevi, the fascinating story of seven paratroopers who liberated Jerusalem and divided the nation, a book not to be missed. All are welcome! Please contact Gustine Matt at [gustinematt@gmail.com](mailto:gustinematt@gmail.com) or 732-545-3147 if you would like to join us.

## **EMPLOYMENT NETWORK OF RARITAN VALLEY**

Looking for work? We can help. Go to [www.ENRV.org](http://www.ENRV.org) or contact Bob Lansey at [ENRVInfo@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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:732-249-2411) or email [hpmikvah@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.ohrtorah.net)

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

**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 Vayechi**

Candlelighting	4:24 PM
Mincha	4:30 PM

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