



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Parshas Beshalach

11 Shevat 5775

January 31, 2015

Candlelighting:	4:55 PM
Mincha:	5:05 PM
Shacharis:	7:45, 9:00 & 9:15 AM
<i>Rabbi Hoffman's Shiur after Hashkama</i>	
Sof Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA):	9:39AM
<i>Rabbi Luban's Sotah Shiur – cancelled this week</i>	
Mincha:	1:45 & 4:50 PM
<i>Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Rabbi Besser</i>	
Maariv:	6:00 PM
Weekday Shacharis:	
Sun.	7:15, 8 & 9 AM
Mon. & Thur	6:20, 7:05, & 8 AM
Tue, Wed & Fri.	6:30, 7:10 & 8 AM
Weekday Mincha/ Maariv:	5:05PM
<i>R. Luban's Sheilos Uteshuvos Shiur Mon.: 9:10 pm</i>	
<i>Rabbi Sauer's Daf Yomi Iyun Shiur – Sunday after</i>	
<i>7:15 Shacharis</i>	
<i>Rabbi Billowitz' Halacha Shiur – Sunday after 8 AM</i>	
<i>Shacharis</i>	
<i>Kollel Learning: Weds. 8-10:10 PM</i>	
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	

KIDDUSH

Kiddush is sponsored by Fay and David Moskovic in memory of the Yahrzeit of David's mother Rivka bas Dovid A"H. To sponsor a Kiddush or reserve the Kiddush room, please contact Mel Barenholtz by email: mbarenh@yahoo.com. Kiddush sponsorship is available for February 7th, 14th & 28th and March 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos is co-sponsored by:
- Bonnie and Motty Schwartz in commemoration of the Yahrzeit of Bonnie's mother, Nechama bat Mordechai Shlomo, A"H.
- Sheila and Myron Bursky in memory of the Yahrzeit of Sheila's father Edward Leder, Yidiel ben Avraham A"H.

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, Jason Jurkevich or Mayer Berg to purchase tickets. All proceeds support the OT Youth programs. Thank you.

ANNUAL DINNER/ JOEL ADLER TRIBUTE

We are thrilled to announce that this year's dinner will honor two beloved and well-

deserving couples, Honey and Max Wisotsky and Rena and Jeff Klein. Please reserve the evening of March 8, 2015 to pay tribute to these special honorees who have done so much for our Shul and community. For further info, please contact dinner chairpersons, Gila and Efraim Gerzberg and Riki and Robert Kreitman. At this year's dinner we will also be making a special tribute to our dear friend and Gabbai, Joel Adler A"H. To honor Joel and be included as a sponsor for this tribute kindly send your \$36 donation payable to Ohr Torah to Robert Kreitman by February 28th. Thanks.

MAZEL TOV

... to Rabbi Yaakov and Faigie Luban on:
- the birth of a son, Daniel, to their children, Yosef Dov and Devori Luban
- the birth of a son to their children, Nachman and Malki Luban. The Rabbi will be at the Bris which will IY'H take place this Shabbos in Brooklyn.
...to Tzipi and Josh Rapps on the birth of a son, Chaim Zev, to their children Ricki and Moshe Mindick. Mazel Tov to the Rapps and Bomzer families.
...to Frieda and. Arie Rand on the engagement of their daughter Hinda to Yackov Goldberg of Lakewood.

CHAZZAN PROBEH

We will be joined this week by Chazzan Yaakov Rosenfeld who will daven Kabbalat Shabbat and Mussaf. After Kiddush he will provide a brief taste of RH/YK. Chazzan Yaakov Rosenfeld was born in 1979 in Jerusalem; his cantorial family was well known in Hungary before the Second World War. His great-grandfather, Moshe Yonah Schlesinger, served as cantor and headed the choir in the large Orthodox community Shul in "Tshaba" near the Rumanian border. His maternal grandfather, Rabbi Mordechai Shalom Rochman, served as a choral soloist with Moshe Koussevitzky in Warsaw. For many years he served as a cantor for Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur in Paris and has Davened and performed worldwide. He appears in numerous diverse youtubes.

BNEI AKIVA

Bnei Akiva at OT is back this week for 3rd to 9th graders. We are looking forward to a great second half this year with fun and exciting programs. We will meet at 3:50pm Shabbat afternoon. See you there.

YASHER KOACH

The Shul expresses its sincere appreciation to Yoel Schwartz for taking care of the snow removal this week.

SEFORIM DONATIONS

Thanks to the following for their generous Seforim donations:
-Saul Wasserman in memory of Saul's mother Frances Wasserman Z"L
-Arnie & Janice Lustiger in memory of Arnie's father Samuel Lustiger Z"L

UPDATES NEEDED

The Gabbaim are in the process of updating the members' Aliya cards. As this task has not been done in quite some time, we ask that the entire membership complete the on-line form by no later than February 8. The form can be accessed at www.compugene.com/Yahrzeit/member_process.php. Once the initial data is entered, members can log on using the credentials set up to view and/or update their data at www.compugene.com/Yahrzeit/member_log_on.php. On behalf of all the Gabbaim, thank you very much for assisting us in this process.

SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE

On the weekend of Shabbat Zakhor, February 27-28, Ohr Torah will be hosting Rabbi Ari Kahn, as scholar in residence. The author of several books, including a series of works on the weekly Parsha, *Echoes of Eden*, Rabbi Kahn is Director of Foreign Student Programs at Bar-Ilan University, and teaches at the women's seminary MATAN.

RESCHEDULED RETIREE'S LUNCH AND LEARN PROGRAM

On Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at 12:00 noon the Shul will show "The Ritchie Boys" - Run out of Germany by the Nazis, a small contingent of German Jewish intellectuals return to Europe as U.S. soldiers to defeat the enemy. The Ritchie Boys is the never before told tale of a handful of German nationals who used their language and cultural knowledge to wage psychological warfare against the Nazis and to liberate Europe. Dr. William Gewirtz will deliver a D'var Torah, and Dr. Max Wisotsky will give a short introduction to the film. The program will include a light lunch followed by the video and discussion. It is open to all retirees in the community and will be a wonderful opportunity to socialize with each other in a meaningful way. Please tell your friends and plan to attend.

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

There will be a charge of \$10 per person to help defray the cost of the meal. OT will subsidize the additional expenses. Can't wait to hear from you This will be the last lunch and learn until after Pesach.

RSVP to Bella - blerner18@optonline.net or 732 317-1786, Mildred 732 572-1712 or Marcia 732 572-5998 ppheffer@verizon.net

WELCOME MA'AYANOT HS GIRLS

We are very happy to welcome the tenth grade class of Ma'ayanot Yeshiva High School for Girls, and all the teachers who also joined us this Shabbat. Thank you to Rabbi Luban, Russell Adler, Mel Barenholtz and all the families hosting the students and staff.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS **COMMUNITY KOLLEL BREAKFAST**

REMINDER: THIS SUNDAY MORNING....

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 take place THIS SUNDAY MORNING (February 1st 2015) at 9:30am. at Congregation Ohr Torah.

The Guest Speaker will be HaRav Yaakov Busel *Shlit"a*, Rosh HaYeshiva of Rabbi Jacob Joseph School (RJJ), Edison, NJ.

We look forward to greeting you there!

Elie Borger, Esq. - Mr. Alan Borck - Mr. Mordechai Brill - Mr. Moshe Feuer - David Goldberg, Esq. - Mr. Avi Kamelhar - Mr. Chaim Krauss - Robert Kreitman, Esq. - Mr. Eli Reinitz - Mr. Dani Sabo - Rabbi Noach Sauber - Dr. Jeff Schein - Dr. Moshe Schneider - Mr. Moshe Dov Stern - David Waizer, Esq.

AN EVENING OF UNITY, **INSPIRATION AND RENEWAL**

On Saturday night, Jan 31st at 8 PM at Cong Ohr Torah, the Edison/Highland Park community will hold an inaugural event in support of Renewal. Renewal is an organization dedicated to assisting people suffering from chronic kidney disease, and has facilitated more than 250 life-saving kidney transplants since 2006. In 2014, Renewal was responsible for more than 23% of all altruistic kidney donations (donation to a total stranger) in the United States. Members of our community will share how Renewal has transformed their lives, and a donor from one of our local families will meet the recipient of his kidney for the very first time. A dairy buffet will be served. For further info, please contact Rifky and Jack Atkin, Leah and Harvey Paretzky, or Pearl and David Dolinger.

KHAL CHASSIDIM NEWS & EVENTS

The community is invited to the annual Khal Chassidim Tu B'Shevat celebration Feb 3rd following 7:30 maariv. Enjoy fruits from around the world. Men and women are invited. 46 North Eighth Ave.

NETIVOT MONTESSORI SCHOOL

Netivot Montessori is hosting a three part speaker series at Netivot in East Brunswick.

Sun, Feb. 1 @ 7:30PM - Rabbi Jonathan Rietti.

Sun, Feb. 22 @ 7:30PM Rabbi David Fohrman.

Sun, Mar. 15 @ 7:30PM - Rabbi Eli Mansour.

Go to www.mynetivot.com for more info. Netivot school tour for prospective families Tues, Feb 10 @ 9:15AM. Please call [732-985-4626](tel:732-985-4626) or mynetivot.com to reserve a space.

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.

RABBI AHARON KAHN AT OE

SAVE THE DATE: RABBI AHARON KAHN AT OE Please join us on President's Day, Monday Feb 16th, following 8AM Shacharit, for a special program featuring Rabbi Aharon Kahn, Rosh Yeshiva of RIETS at Yeshiva University and lecturer for Center for Return. He will be speaking on the topic of *Kings and Presidents—The Makings of a Melech b'Yisroel*. Rabbi Kahn holds multiple degrees including M. A.'s from the School of International Affairs at Columbia University and in Middle Eastern Languages. He studied with the late Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik for 20 years. His lectures for Center for Return have inspired audiences of diverse backgrounds to grow closer to Judaism. There is no charge for this event and breakfast is included. Kindly RSVP to office@ohavemeth.org

NORPAC MISSION

NORPAC's Mission to Washington is an annual event where we bring close to a thousand citizen activists to Washington, DC, in order to advocate for a stronger U.S.-Israel relationship with Members of Congress Join us on Wednesday, May 13, 2015. 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 or call (201) 788-5133 Adults - \$125, Students - \$75 (must be over 12). Those under 18 must be accompanied by Parent or legal guardian) contact Marc Hanfling docdad@aol.com, Barry Wolf, Yosef Schreiber, Charles Gershbaum for more info.

COORDINATORS AND DRIVERS NEEDED FOR BIKUR CHOLIM TRANSPORTATION

The Bikur Cholim Transportation Committee coordinates rides to and from medical appointments. The coordinator matches requesters with an available driver. Each coordinator serves for two weeks at a time. To volunteer, contact the Bikur Cholim hotline at (732) 572-7181 or fill out the volunteer form on the website bikurcholimrv.org.

RABBI WEISS SHIUR FOR MEN & WOMEN

Rabbi Weiss will give a weekly Shiur for men and women on the Parsha with a focus on Emunah and Bitachon Wednesday nights at 9:15PM at the home of Marsha Eiserman 154 N. 10th Ave, HP.

FOR WOMEN

-Women's Learning Initiative: Mrs. Leah Drillman's Shimiras Haloshon class: Mon. night, February 2 at 7:30 PM at the home of Ellen Smith, 407 North Eighth Ave., Edison. Please call Ellen Monday at [201-410-1893](tel:201-410-1893) or [732-777-6787](tel:732-777-6787) to confirm that shiur will take place as scheduled.

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

-Mrs. Miri Cohen's Parsha class: Monday, Feb 2 at 9:15 AM at the home of Rikki Samel, 427 Dennison St, Highland Park

-Bikur Cholim OWLS (Overnight Women Labor Support): If you are an expectant mother and don't have coverage with a family member/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 Rikki at [732-249-5116](tel:732-249-5116). Thank you.

-The Women's AMEN Group meets weekly on Sundays at 9:30 AM in a downstairs classroom at Cong 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: Women's class on Sunday morning at 10AM at Cong. Etz Ahaim. Book that is being studied: Battle Plan by Rebbetzin Tziporah Heller and Sara Yocheved Rigler.

-Tiferes, a Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation program for women, will meet Motzai Shabbos, February 7 at 8:30 PM at the home of Aviva Siegel, 16 Edgemount Rd, Edison. An inspirational DVD will be shown: "Finding Serenity – The stirring of the soul". Speakers: Mrs. Yael Kaisman and Mrs. Dina Schoonmaker. Weekly teleconferences with topics such as shalom bayis and parenting are also available to Tiferes members. Current series: Developing a Keshet with your Preteen / Teen with Dr. Jerry Lob. 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.

-Rebbitzin Eichenstein's classes for women: Tefillah class on Sunday, Feb 1 at 11AM at Agudah Shul; Parsha class on Monday, Feb 2 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 Rd, Edison. For more info, please see contact Aviva Siegel [732-572-4408](tel:732-572-4408) siegelmom@optonline.net

-Highland Park Mikvah and Irgun Shiurai Torah present a Two Part Shovavim Project Lecture Series for Women: Mrs. Devorah Kigel, noted Kallah teacher and relationship coach, will speak on the topic of "Mikvah: Becoming a Source of Renewal" on Tuesday, Feb 3, 2015 at Cong Ahavas Achim at 8:30 pm. Mrs. Aviva Wasser, respected kallah teacher and Rebbetzin, will give a review of the halachos of Taharas Hamishpacha on Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at Cong Ohr Torah at 8:30 pm. All married women are invited to attend. For more info, please contact Lynn Hanfling at Docdad@aol.com, Adina Pruzansky at adinapruz@gmail.com, or Rachel Stern at rachel_stern@yahoo.com

EMPLOYMENT NETWORK OF RARITAN VALLEY

Looking for work? 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. If you know of any professional, part-time, or temporary job openings, please e-mail info to ENRVInfo@gmail.com.

PARK MIKVAH

-The Highland Park Mikvah is extending its winter hours! For the months of January & February, the mikvah will be open: Sunday -Thursday evenings from 7PM - 10PM; Friday nights by appointment only. Saturday nights in January: 7:30 - 10:00 PM. Saturday nights, February 7, 14, 21: 7:45 - 10:15 PM; February 28: 8:00 - 10:30 PM. Please arrive with enough time to be out before closing time. For more info, call [732-249-2411](tel:732-249-2411) 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 Eitz Chayim 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 Yitro

Candlelighting

5:03 PM

Mincha

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Sof Davar

by Moshe Sherman

Eliezer Silver (1882-1968)

The name 'Silver' has been prominent in the news of late, and so, I would like to introduce another individual with the name 'Silver' who, for more than 40 years, left a considerable impact on American Jewish life. Indeed, Rabbi Eliezer Silver merited an entire book written by Aaron Rakeff-Rothkoff, who titled his biography, *The Silver Era in American Jewish Orthodoxy*.

Born near Kovno, Lithuania, in 1882, Eliezer Silver studied in Dvinsk, with that city's two great Torah luminaries, R. Meir Simcha and R. Yoseph Rosen, (aka the Rogochover Gaon). Later, in Vilna, Silver was attached to a group who learned together with Rabbi Chaim Ozer Grodzinski, from whom he received semicha in 1906. One year later, at the age of 25, Silver emigrated to the United States.

In 1907, Silver became rabbi of a congregation in Harrisburg, PA. But it soon became evident that Silver would be far more than a communal rabbi. He was an exceedingly talented organizer with enormous zeal and energy, whose interests extended well beyond the local problems of Harrisburg Jewry. Silver became active in the New York-based Agudath ha-Rabbonim, also known as the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the U.S. and Canada. Several years later, he was elected president of the Agudath ha-Rabbonim. In 1912, Silver was part of a delegation of rabbis that met with President William Taft, to encourage him to void a treaty with Russia because of its' persecution of Jews. With the outbreak of World War I, and its' devastating effect on numerous Jewish communities, Silver became active in relief efforts for European Jews. Together with a close colleague, Rabbi Israel Rosenberg, they established Ezras Torah, which still provides assistance to needy Torah families, and still sends to me their wonderful halachic luach every September. By 1918, Silver had emerged as one of the preeminent and most charismatic leaders of American Orthodox Jewish life.

In 1931, Silver became rabbi of Congregation Knesseth Israel in Cincinnati, where he would serve for almost four decades. With Cincinnati as his new base of operation, Silver again worked not only to improve the religious life of Cincinnati Jewry, but American orthodox Jewry, in general. In 1937, for example, he travelled to Marienbad, Czechoslovakia, where the Agudath Israel movement was holding its convention. Anxious to establish a branch of the Agudath Israel organization in America, Silver gained the support of his former teacher, Rabbi Chaim Ozer Grodzinski, and shortly thereafter the *Agudath Israel of America* was founded. When World War II broke out, Silver was instrumental in establishing a rescue agency for European Jewry, the Vaad Hatzalah. From 1940 to 1945, Silver together with the Vaad Hatzalah assisted in the rescue of hundreds of European Torah scholars. In October 1943, as Nazi atrocities were becoming evident, Rabbi Silver helped organize a rally of more than 400 rabbis in Washington, D.C. to press for more decisive action by the US government to save European Jews. The 'rabbis' march' as it came to be known was also spearheaded by Hillel Kook's "Emergency Committee to Save the Jewish People of Europe". When hostilities concluded in 1945, Silver travelled to Europe as an emissary of the U.S. government to assist war refugees. He consequently founded Keren Aliya, a fund to help Holocaust survivors immigrate to Israel.

Despite a hectic routine, Silver also found time for study and scholarship. He was a frequent contributor to Torah journals and periodicals, and published, among other works, *Anfei Erez*, a commentary on various sections of Talmud.

Though Silver was based in Cincinnati, he was constantly traveling. His admirers often joked that twice a week, Silver would set out to the airport and take the first plane that left Cincinnati. Wherever the airplane happened to land, Silver would find someone to visit and something to organize.

On February 7, 1968, two weeks before his eighty-seventh birthday Silver died. Buried and eulogized in Cincinnati, memorial services were held throughout the United States and Israel heralding Silver's accomplishments. The shul in Cincinnati, Knesseth Israel, headed by Rabbi Silver for many decades, still operates to this day, though it changed its' name to Congregation Zichron Eliezer, in his memory.

PLEASE HELP KEEP THE SHUL NEAT...PLEASE RETURN SIDDURIM & CHUMASHIM TO THE REAR OF THE SANCTUARY AFTER DAVENING.