



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Pesach

15 Nisan 5775

April 4, 2015

Friday April 3: Erev Pesach

Candlelighting – 7:06 PM

Mincha - 7:15 PM

Shabbos, April 4: 1st Day Pesach

Shacharis - 8:15, 9:00 AM

Rabbi Luban's Gemara Sotah Shiur: 6:10 PM

Mincha – 1:45 & 7:00 PM

Candlelighting/ preparation for seder not before 8:15 PM

Sunday, April 5: 2nd Day Pesach

Shacharis - 8:15, 9:00 AM

Mincha – 7:15 PM

Maariv - 8:10 PM

Yom Tov Ends: 8:16 PM

Monday-Thursday April 6-9 : Chol

Hamoed

Shacharis - 6:10, 6:50, 8 & 9 AM

Mincha - 7:15 PM

Daf Yomi

Shabbos, Sunday -One hour before Mincha

Monday - Thursday-after Z'man maariv

Friday- TBA

SEFORIM DONATIONS

Thanks to the following for their generous Seforim donations:

- Plittman family in memory of Marc Hanfling and Rozzie Slepoy's father Hersz Hanfling Z"l
- David & Fay Moskovic in memory of Avraham Hertzal ben Nachum Z"l
- Michael & Penny Kaplan in memory of Danny Mondrow's sister Marion Mondrow Z"l
- Michael & Penny Kaplan in memory of David Kornfeld Z"l
- Barry & Hinda Herman in memory of David Kornfeld Z"l
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FRIDAY NIGHT DAVENING

In response to suggestions that we have received from members to enhance the "Berov Am Hadras Melech" component of our Davening, the Board has decided that it would be best for the Ezras Nashim on both sides of the Shul to be closed for men beginning the first Friday evening after Pesach.

This protocol was used for the Shabbat Across America Friday night Davening and we have received much positive feedback from that experience.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding a Makom for Davening, please contact any of the Gabbaim or Russell Adler.

UPCOMING OHR TORAH EVENTS

April 15 Yom Hashoa Commemoration

April 17-18 YU Kollel Elyon Shabbos

April 19 (8 pm) ACTT Program with Charlie Harary

April 26 (10 am) Malcolm Hoenlein Community Lecture

May 8-9 Singles Shabbaton (Ages 25-35)

May 15-16 OU Community Shabbos with Rabbi Steven Weil

YOM HASHOA COMMEMORATION AT OHR TORAH

Ohr Torah will be commemorating Yom HaShoah on Wednesday night, April 15, at 8PM. Brothers Henry and Bernie Schanzer will be speaking about their experiences as children during the Shoah. For information, please contact Neer Even-Hen or Susie Wolf.

MALCOLM HOENLEIN TO ADDRESS COMMUNITY

On Sunday morning, April 26, Malcolm Honlein, Executive Vice Chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations will address the entire community. Ohr Torah together with the Orthodox Forum will host the event, to be held at 10am at the shul.

NEW MEMBER

Please welcome Yitzchak and Elle Lieblich and family.

ITEM DONATION POLICY

Congregation Ohr Torah greatly appreciates the donations of its members, many of whom have contributed very generously over the years. Members are constantly thinking of different tangible items that our shul needs and have been kind enough to purchase or make such items for the shul..

As a reminder, in order to ensure that our policy is consistent, it is important that we follow a protocol for donations that has been in place since 1995. This policy includes the expectation of a financial contribution in connection with any commemorative or memorial plaque. If you wish to donate any item, large or small, please first speak with Leslie Ney, Moshe Schneider or Russell Adler before any such purchase or construction. Thank you again very much for your generosity and understanding.

MESSAGE FROM THE KORNFELD FAMILY

The Kornfeld family would like to thank the shul membership for their support and help during David Kornfeld's A"H illness and the shiva period.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS 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. 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. 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 : www.norpac.net or call (201) 788-5133. Adults - \$175, Students - \$125 (must be over 12.Those under 18 must be accompanied by Parent or legal guardian). Contact Marc Hanfling doddad@aol.com, Barry Wolf,YosefSchreiber,CharlesGershbaum for more info.

THE 2ND ANNUAL RARITAN VALLEY COMMUNITY POLAND PILGRIMAGE

Join us this July 12-20, 2015 with Rabbi Shraga Gross 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.

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 about this incredible journey contact: Nitza Adler at: [\(732\) 670 4649](tel:7326704649) or email morahnitza28@gmail.com Rivka Adler at rivkaadler@yahoo.com , Mel Barenholtz at mbarenh@yahoo.com or Renee Griboff at renee.griboff@gmail.com

ACTT

On Sunday, April 19, at 8PM at Cong Ohr Torah, come hear Mr. Charlie Harary, Esq., a world renowned motivational speaker talk about "Gratitude: The Secret to Jewish Success". This is a community-wide booster event for the Hakaras HaTov 3 module. The ArtScroll source book, "Let There Be Rain - making gratitude a part of our lives" is available at a discount from the Judaica Gallery. Admission for all is free and donations are welcome. For more info, e-mail info@actt613.org, see www.actt613.org, or call Phil Rosen [\(732\) 572-8762](tel:7325728762).

BIKUR CHOLIM

- Bikur Cholim annual event will be held on Sunday, April 19th at the Pines Manor at 9:30 AM. Guest speaker is Rabbi Y Y Rubinstein. Guests of Honor: Barbara and Dr. Fred Glatler. Gomlei Chessed Awardees: The Food Committee headed by Zehava Feuer, Mira Septimus, and Ariella Weintraub. Couvert \$50 per person. Dairy breakfast will be served. There will be complimentary babysitting. To RSVP, call [732-572-7181](tel:7325727181).

- VISITORS WANTED: Bikur Cholim is seeking volunteers to visit Ms. Helen Zberman at the

REMINDER: The emergency Defibrillators are located on the wall in the upstairs hallway and on the wall in the downstairs entry hallway. HATZOLAH OF EDISON: 732-640-5545

Regency nursing home on DeMott Lane. We are also seeking visitors for Ms. Mollie Reuben and Ms. Esther Tucker, both also at the Regency. If you are able to help out, please call Rahel Baruh at [732-672-4673](tel:732-672-4673) or email rbaruh@yahoo.com. Tizku - 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](tel:732-572-7181) or fill out the volunteer form on the website www.bikurcholimrv.org.

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE FUNDRAISING EFFORT

In mid-May, Rachel Wolf is planning to go on a three day womens' backpacking trip into the Grand Canyon to raise money for the Friendship Circle.

The Friendship Circle pairs up teenagers with special-needs children to develop amazing friendships. The special volunteers who took the children to the park, played games with them, and provided their parents with much needed respite for an hour or more every Sunday. To contribute to this incredible cause, you can visit Rachel's Team Friendship page at:

<https://hike.teamfriendship.org/rachelwolf>

TORAH KIDS LEAGUES

TorahKid Leagues is back again for its 6th exciting season! Sunday morning sports fun for area children at the local Highland Park High School field. There are separate programs for boys (ages 4-13 with 3 divisions; 11:00-12:30) and girls (ages 5-13, all-female staff; 9:30-10:45). Skill-building instruction, with an emphasis on middos development in a Torah-friendly environment.

Competitive play in different sports. New shirts/caps this year, so register early!! Spring and Summer Sessions -- Opening Day is May 31. For more info, please contact Rabbi Lasar at TKLsports@aol.com or at [732-985-1050](tel:732-985-1050).

PARK PLACE RESTAURANT

Park Place will be open during Chol Hamoad.

JOIN TEAM CNJKIDS

FOR A RUN IN THE PARK

Join TEAM CNJKIDS and run in the HIGHLAND PARK 5k on Sunday, 5/3/15. To sign up, go to <http://runinthepark.org/register/> and register for the race. If you register before 4/18/15 the entry fee will be \$25. Then e-mail cnjkids@gmail.com with your name, t-shirt size, that you wish to be a member of TEAM CNJKIDS, and that you will commit to raising \$50 for CNJKIDS.

RPRY

Please join us at RPRY's 70th Anniversary Dinner Event, on Sunday April 26, at 6PM., at The Heldrich Hotel, New Brunswick, as we honor Iris and Elie Borger and present a Distinguished Alumna Award to Avital Chizhik-Goldschmidt. We will also be presenting a special tribute - a Sefer Hakarat Hatov - to Rabbi Shraga Gross. To reserve your spot and submit a virtual journal ad AND a separate message for Rabbi Gross, visit rpyrjournal.com.

JFS NEWS AND EVENTS

-Community Hooocaust Commemoration Yom Hashoa Sunday April 19 - 4:30pm Temple B'nai Shalom 15 Fern Rd, E. Brunswick Candlelighting, memorial procession, reading of names and musical tribute. More info [732-588-1800](tel:732-588-1800) or info@jf-gmc.org

-JRecovery-a free group support to help Jews and their families and friends with addiction and

recovery issues meets every Monday at the JFS Milltown office, 32 Ford Ave., 2nd Fl, 7:30-8:30PM

NETIVOT MONTESSORI NEWS

Netivot school tour for prospective families - Tues, April 21 @ 9:15AM. Please call [732-985-4626](tel:732-985-4626) or mynetivot.com to reserve a space. We look forward to meeting you!

ATTN SINGLES: Registration is now open!

A Weekend Bash(eirt): a modern orthodox singles shabbaton is ready to accept your registration for a wonderful Shabbos here in Edison/Highland Park. Find your basheirt in a relaxed, fun environment without having to travel far. Shabbos #1: May 8-9th singles ages 25-35 Shabbos #2: June 12-13th singles ages 35-50 Shabbos #3: Sept 11-12th singles ages 50 + Please visit our website to register and learn about the event: aweekendbasheirt.com.

Questions? Lea at aweekendbasheirt@gmail.com.

FOR WOMEN

-Sewing Class for Adults: Tuesday, April 14th, and running for five weeks, Bella Scharf-Zelingher, an experienced sewing instructor and designer, with over 50 years of experience in sewing, crochet, and design, will be giving a beginners course for adults at Cong Ahavas Yisrael (CAY), 1587 Route 27, Edison. The cost is \$36 only (for use of the CAY facility). Contact Bella directly at bswebworks@aol.com to reserve a spot.

-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 that volunteers come to stay with your kids at night. Please note this service is only for maternity situations. Please call at least 3 weeks before the due date, to be able to make necessary arrangements. For more info on this service or about becoming a volunteer, contact Rikki at [732-249-5116](tel:732-249-5116).

-New Gown Gemach in Edison! Looking for donations! L'iluy Nishmas R' Yitzchok Ben Binyomin. For more info, please call Sara Scott at [516-526-0941](tel:516-526-0941)

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

The following classes resume after Pesach:

-Mrs. Leah Drillman's *Shimiras Haloshon class*

-Mrs. Miri Cohen's *Parsha class*

-Rebbitzin Eichenstein's *classes for women*

-Rabbi Weiss's *Wednesday night shiur on the Parsha will resume on 4/15*

-Tiferes, a Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation program for women: Weekly teleconferences with topics such as shalom bayis and parenting are available to Tiferes members. Current series:

"Seven Blessings Seven Secrets - Still Building a Home on Sheva Brachos" with Mrs. Miriam Jaffe. 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

-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. -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

The Highland Park Mikvah now has Tzedakah boxes! Please contact Aviva at siegelmom@optonline.net to obtain one.

The Highland Park Mikvah hours for daylight savings time: Sunday - Thursday evenings from 9PM - 11PM; Friday nights by appointment only. April 3-4: by appointment only; April 5: 9:15 - 11:00; April 9-10: by appointment only; April 11: 9:30 - 11:00. 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.

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](tel: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](tel:732-759-8558). For more info, call Moish at [732-759-8070](tel:732-759-8070) during work days or [732-572-4132](tel: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](tel: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](tel: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](tel:732-828-5642) (home) [732-678-8848](tel:732-678-8848) (cell), reenagreenspan@yahoo.com or Gene Wasserman [732-397-0130](tel: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](tel:732-247-ERUV) for status of the Eruv

Thursday Night- Friday April 9-10: Seventh Day Yom Tov:

Candlelighting - 7:12 PM (Remember Eruv Tavshilin)
Mincha - 7:20 PM

Ohr Torah can be found on the internet at <http://www.ohrtorah.net>. You can join the email list for Weekly Announcements. Announcements should be sent to announcements@ohrtorah.net. Please submit all announcements by 7 PM Wednesday.

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