



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Russell Adler- President

Parshas Shmini

29 Nisan 5775

April 18, 2015

Candlelighting: 7:20 PM
Mincha: 6:45 & 7:30 PM
Please Note: Early Mincha starts this week
Shacharis: 7:45, 9:00 & 9:15 AM
Rabbi Hoffman's Shiur after Hashkama
Sof Z'man Krias Shma (G'RA): 9:36 AM
Kollel Mincha begins this shabbos 6PM
Kollel learning 4-6 will begin next Shabbos 4/25
Rabbi Luban's Sotah Shiur – 6:25 PM
Mincha: 1:45 & 7:15 PM
Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Zev Saffer, Elon Moreh
Maariv: 8:25 PM
Weekday Shacharis:
Sun. (Rosh Chodesh) 7:00, 8 & 9 AM
Mon. (Rosh Chodesh): 6:10, 7:05 & 8 AM
Tue, Wed. & Fri. 6:30, 7:10 & 8 AM
Thur: 6:20, 7:05 & 8 AM
Weekday Mincha/ Maariv: 7:30PM
R. Luban's Sheilos Uteshuvos Shiur- Monday 9:10 PM
Rabbi Sauer's Daf Yomi Iyun Shiur – Sunday after 7:00 AM Shacharis
Rabbi Billowitz' Halacha Shiur – Sunday after 8 AM Shacharis
Tuesday Night Tehillim – 9:50- 10:10 PM
Kollel Learning: Wednesday 8-10:10 PM
TNL – THURS. NIGHT LIVE:
Weekday Maariv 10:10 PM
Daf Yomi
 Monday - Thursday-after Z'man maariv
 Friday-after Kabbalas Shabbos & Maariv
 Shabbos -One hour before Mincha
 Sunday -After 8 am shacharis

KIDDUSH

Kiddush sponsorship is available for May 2nd, 16th & 23rd.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos is sponsored by the Kornfeld family to commemorate the Shloshim of their beloved husband, father, and grandfather Dovid Kornfeld.

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.

KOLLEL ELYON SHABBATON

We are pleased to welcome members of the Yeshiva University Kollel Elyon to our community, who are speaking in the local shuls this Shabbos. On Shabbos morning, the Drasha at the

Hashkama Minyan and main sanctuary Minyan will be delivered by Rabbi Ephraim Meth. For Shalosh Seudos, Rabbi Itamar Rosensweig will be speaking for the teenage youth at 5:30-7PM at the Hanian home, 19 Ryan Road. All are welcome to attend. R' Ephraim Meth is the Rabbi of Cong. Ahavas Achim in Fairfield, CT. He is a Rosh Chaburah and Sho'eil uMaishiv at Yeshiva University, as well as a Kupietsky Kodshim Fellow at Yeshiva University's Kollel Elyon. Rabbi Meth has taught in many venues, including Cong. Poalei Zedek of Pittsburgh, Cong. Bnai Yeshurun of Teaneck, the Bucharian World Jewish Center, Kollel Agra dePirka (the retirees Kollel), and Yeshiva University's High School for Boys. He is the author of the multi-volume Sha'ashuei Ephraim series, a commentary on the Talmud, of What We Can Do to Help Our Brothers and Sisters in Eretz Yisrael, and of the newly published Mirrors & Apple Trees: The Lomdus of Peru uRevu.

UPCOMING OHR TORAH EVENTS

- 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
- May 17** Lander College Yom Iyun

MALCOLM HOENLEIN TO ADDRESS COMMUNITY

On Sunday morning, April 26th at 10am, Cong. Ohr Torah and the Orthodox Forum will be hosting Mr. Malcolm Honlein, Executive Vice Chairman, Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, who will be giving an important address on *Behind the Headlines: What is Really Happening in the Middle East*. The entire community is welcome.

MAZEL TOV

...to Ellen and Charles Fisher on their son, Eli's Bar Mitzvah. *There will be a Kiddush at the Fishers' home, 50 Hamlin Road after davening at the Agudah.*

SEFORIM DONATIONS

Thanks to the following for their generous Seforim donations:
- Joseph & Cheryl Strauch in memory of David Kornfeld Z"l
- Joseph & Cheryl Strauch in memory of Danny Mondrow's sister Marion Mondrow Z"l

THANK YOU

Thank you to Susie Wolf and Ner Even-Hen for putting together this week's very

meaningful Yom Hashoa program. Thank you as well to Bernie and Henry Schanzer, Chaim Lobel, Moishe Wiesel, Rabbi Luban and to the survivors, family of survivors and many community members who attended.

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, Yosef Schreiber, Charles Gershbaum 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 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

RJJ YESHIVA ANNUAL DINNER

Honoring Mr. and Mrs. Louis Glinn as' Parents of the Year. Sunday evening, May 17th at the Renaissance Woodbridge Hotel. For info or to place an ad or call office at 732-985-6533.

ACTT

Next ACTT Event: THIS Sunday, April 19, 2015 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 an ACTT (Achieving Change Through Torah) 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 is free and donations are welcome. For more info,

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

email info@actt613.org, see www.actt613.org, or call Phil Rosen (732) 572-8762.

RABBI KAMINETZKY TO BE HONORED

Highland Park will be honoring Rabbi Kaminetzky on April 22 at the HP Senior Center.

BIKUR CHOLIM

BIKUR CHOLIM ANNUAL EVENT will be held THIS 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 Glatter. Gomlei Chessed Awardees: The Food Committee headed by Zehava Feuer, Mira Septimus, and Ariella Weintraub. Couvert \$50 per person. Dairy breakfast will be served. Complimentary babysitting. To RSVP, call [732-572-7181](tel:732-572-7181). VISITORS WANTED--Bikur Cholim is seeking volunteers to visit Ms. Helen Zuberger at Regency nursing home on DeMott Lane. Also seeking visitors for Ms. Mollie Reuben and Ms. Esther Tucker, 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 baruh@yahoo.com. Tizku l'mitzvot! 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. This is a great way for somebody who doesn't drive to help the Transportation Committee. Of course, more drivers are always welcome as well. To volunteer, contact the Bikur Cholim hotline at [732-572-7181](tel:732-572-7181) or fill out the volunteer form on the website bikurcholimrv.org.

YOM HA'ATZMAUT

PEACE OF MIND PROGRAM

In an effort to bring another unit of soldiers to our community in 2016, we are having our first fundraiser for Peace of Mind by celebrating Israel's 67th birthday. Please come to RPRY April 23rd to enjoy a carnival and delicious food from the kosher bbq truck, the Wandering Que, under star-K supervision. The event is from 6-9 pm. Admission is \$18 per person, \$36 per family, not including food purchases. All proceeds to Peace of Mind program helping IDF combat veterans transition back to civilian life. For questions contact Rosanne Koenigson at 732-735-8196

VISITING SOFER AT JUDAICA GALLERY

The Sofer will be visiting our community on Sunday morning April 19, 2015. If you wish to have mezzuzot or teffilin checked, you may meet the Sofer at Judaica Gallery, 300 Raritan Ave, Highland Park, NJ. The Sofer will arrive at 10 a.m. Walk-ins welcome, but helpful if you call [732-828-7722](tel:732-828-7722) and let us know you will be coming

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).

CNJKIDS 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

We look forward to seeing you at 6 o'clock in the evening, on April 26th, at the Heldrich Hotel. 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 Berger 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 rpy.adjournal.com.

RJX 1¢ Ice Cream Scoop Sale

Join members of the Rutgers Jewish Xperience on Sunday May 3, from 2-5 pm at Dunkin Donuts in Highland Park. All flavors of ice cream are just 1¢ per scoop, and a portion of all proceeds will benefit RJX.

EMUNAH MOTHER'S DAY FUNDRAISER

By ordering a Mother's Day gift basket (usually around \$60) for someone (in the continental US) you want to delight, you can both brighten someone's day (and if it's your mom, you can add that to your *kibbud em* efforts) as well as send much needed *tzedakah* to EMUNAH, which supports senior and day care centers in Eretz Yisrael. EMUNAH is a particularly worthy *tzedakah* because it keeps its overhead low with a cadre of committed volunteers. If you would like to participate in this wonderful chesed, send an inquiry to Barbara Kessel at maydl49@aol.com or call Pauline Mykoff at [732-572-0457](tel:732-572-0457). Nizkeh lemitzvot!

JFS NEWS AND EVENTS

-Community Holocaust 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.

RABBI WEISS SHIUR FOR MEN & WOMEN

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.

AY MONTHLY

WOMENS LEARNING PROGRAM

The Ahavas Yisroel Monthly Women's Learning Program continues this month with our featured speaker: Davida Kollmar. Davida is currently a student in the Stern College Graduate Program in Advanced Talmudic Study. Her topic will be "Why did I get Tzaraat? Miriam and More".

Please join us on Shabbat April 25 4 PM at the home of Sharon and Leon Glaser, 15 Barlow Road Edison

YIEB COMMUNITY LECTURE

The Community Lecture, in honor of Israel's Independence Day (see flyer attached- click on it to enlarge), is scheduled for Saturday Night, April 25th, at 9:15PM. We are bringing in Dr. Mordechai Kedar from Israel. Dr. Kedar is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Arabic at Bar-Ilan University & is Director of the Center for the Study of Middle East & Islam & is a Research Associate at Begin-Sadat Center for Strategic Studies at Bar Ilan University. Dr. Kedar is returning to YIEB as a Scholar In Residence for the 2nd time in recent years.

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 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: Women's Sunday morning class will resume on Sunday, April 26 at 10:00 AM at Cong. Etz Ahaim. Class will be based on his new book, "The Key to a Successful Life". All attendees of the class will receive a free copy of this new book. If you already have a book please bring it with you.

-Tiferes, a Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation program for women, will meet Motzai Shabbos, May 9 at 9:45 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 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.

-Women's Learning Initiative: Mrs. Miri Cohen's Parsha class: Wednesday, April 22 at 9:15 AM at the home of Rikki Samel, 427 Dennison St, HP. Please call 206-376-9027 on Tuesday evening to confirm that the shiur will take place as scheduled.

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

-Rebbitzen Eichenstein's classes for women: No class on Sunday, April 19; Parsha class on Monday, April 20 at 8:00 PM at Cong Ohr Torah. For more info, please contact Aviva Siegel at 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.

If you are purchasing from Amazon, please

consider signing up with www.amazonsmiles.com

– a donation will be made to Park Mikvah.

The Highland Park Mikvah hours for daylight

savings time: Sunday –Thursday evenings

from 9:00 PM – 11PM; Friday nights by

appointment only. Saturday: April 18: 9:30–

11:00; April 25: 9:45–11:15. 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

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

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