

Congregation Ohr Torah Weekly Announcements

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Rabbi Yaakov Luban - Rabbi

Russell Adler- President

Parshas Ki Tavo
Candlelighting:

Mincha:

7:07 PM 7:15 PM

Shacharis: 7:45, 9 & 9:15 AM Sof Z'man Krias Shma (GR"A): 9:42 AM Kollel Mincha 6:00 PM

Rabbi Luban's Taanis Shiur – CANCELLED

Mincha: 1:45 & 7:00 PM
Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Yussi Strauch

Maariv: 8:10 PM

The 9:00 weekday Shacharis summer Minyan is over. OT would like to thank Herb Engel, Yaakov Siegel & Josh Schwartz for their coordination efforts

Weekday Selichos/ Shacharis:

Sunday:

 Selichos:
 1 AM and 7:30 AM

 Shacharis:
 7:15, 8 & 9 AM

Monday Selichos/Shacharis:

6:50, 7:35, & 8:35 AM

Tues., Wed. & Friday Selichos/ Shacharis:

6:05, 6:45, & 7:35 AM

Thursday Selichos/Shacharis:

5:55, 6:40, & 7:35 AM

Weekday Mincha/ Maariv: 7:05 PM

Rabbi Sauer's Daf Yomi Iyun Shiur – Sunday after

7:15 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

Daf Yomi

Monday-Thursday- after Maariv

Friday-after Maariv

Shabbos -one hour before Mincha Sunday- after 8am Shacharis

KIDDUSH

Kiddush this week is sponsored by Debbie and Bill Gewirtz and Rose and Terry Walzman commemorating the Yahrtzeits of their parents Yonah ben Yehudah Gewirtz Z"L and Frayda bas Chaim Hirsch Walzman Z"L.

Kiddush sponsorship is available for the first two days of Succos, Shabbos Chol Hamo'ed Succos and Shemini Atzeres.

YFM KIDDUSH

YFM Kiddush this week is sponsored by Alyssa and Srulee Hercman, welcoming all the new YFM families.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos is sponsored by Esther and Michael Reiss in memory of Michael's father, Menachem Mendel Ben Yom Tov Lippa, Z"L, and Esther's father, Naphtali Ben Aaron HaCohen, Z"L.

RABBINIC INTERN

We are pleased that our YU rabbinic intern, Rav Yoni Danzger, will join us for the coming year, starting this Shabbos. Rav Yoni received his Semicha this year from RIETS of Yeshiva University. He is also a candidate for a masters degree from Teachers College 21 Elul 5775

of Columbia University in social/ organizational psychology. He learned at Yeshivat Shaalavim. He also learned for a year at BMG. Rav Yoni has worked as an assistant director and member of the Chinuch staff of Camp Mesorah Kollel, a regional director of NCSY, and a counselor at Camp Simcha.

Please welcome Rav Yoni. He is looking forward to meeting everyone. He will be speaking at the MAIN Minyan THIS Shabbos and will be giving a short schmooze before Selichos after the auction at approximately 12:45 am on September 6.

MAZEL TOV

...to Rabbi Yaakov and Faigie Luban on the birth of a daughter to Avrohom Yitzchok and Lieba Luban.

...to Smadar and Jerry Parness on the birth of a son to Ariele and Rabbi Yoni Fox in Chicago.

ENHANCING OUR TEFILLA EXPERIENCE

Starts this week! SEFORIM DONATIONS

Thanks to the following for their generous

Seforim donations:
-Yaakov and Margaret Gorlin in memory of Rabbi Luban's father, Rabbi Chaim Luban

-David & Fay Moskovic in memory of Rabbi Luban's father, Rabbi Chaim Luban ZT"L -David & Fay Moskovic in memory of Zev Ben Yitzchok Berger Z"L

TEEN SELICHOS

Rabbi Noach Sauber, Menahel at JEC, will be speaking at 12:40AM in the Beis Medrash, followed by Selichos at 1AM. Our program is in memory of Bayrish Schreiber Z"L our beloved Teen Slichos Chazan for many years. All Teen Minyan members are encouraged to come join us as we start what should be a meaningful Yomim Noraim season.

OHR TORAH YOUTH PROGRAM

Once again Ohr Torah is proud to offer babysitting on Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. We are requesting a voluntary contribution of \$18 per family to help defray the cost of the babysitting. Please make checks out to Ohr Torah and indicate HH babysitting on your check. The times for our babysitting are as follows:

9/14 (RH) -- 10 am to 1:30 pm

9/15 (RH) -- 10 am to 1:30 pm

9/22 (YK) -- 6:45 pm to 9:15 pm 9/23 (YK) -- 10 am to 2:30 pm and 5 pm to

7 pm

September 5, 2015

This service is for all children ages 1-4. It is imperative that all children attending our babysitting are able to walk (and not need to be held) and that parents please ensure that our staff is aware of your seating location should we need to find you. We will have a seating chart available. Also please provide our staff with any baby wipes/diapers as needed. We will be unable to accommodate children who have not reached their first birthday.

KIBUDIM

As has been our tradition, we will be auctioning off Kibudim for Yamim Noraim this Motzei Shabbos, Saturday night at midnight, before Selichos. People who do not want to attend the auction in person are encouraged to submit bids in advance by contacting Russell Adler, or Terry Walzman before 11:00 PM Motzei Shabbos, Saturday night. Please note that only "members in good standing" may submit a bid.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

There will be a meeting of the membership on Monday, September 21, 2015 at 8:30 pm. Agenda to follow.

PRUZBAL

The Torah mandates that outstanding loans cannot be collected at the end of the Shmitah year, which is observed every seven years. Since we are now approaching the end of a Shmitah year, loans will soon be nullified this coming Rosh Hashana. The Rabbis provided a legal method to maintain loans by executing a Pruzbal document. The Pruzbal transfers the loans to a Bais Din, and in that way, the loan remains collectible.

I will be available in shul on Sunday September 6th, after each of the two Sunday morning Minyanim (which conclude approximately 7:45, 8:30 and 9:30AM), to help you execute a Pruzbal. If these times are not convenient for you, please be in touch with me. - Rabbi Yaakov Luban

ENHANCING OUR TEFILLA EXPERIENCE AT OHR TORAH-BE A PART OF IT

In memory of Joel Adler, A"H Congregation Ohr Torah has embarked on an all-important initiative, 'Enhancing Our Tefillah Experience', in memory of our esteemed and beloved Gabbai, member, and friend, Joel Adler, A"H.

Our goal is 100% participation that creates a strong bond of Achdus (unity) in our shul. Act now and commit to being counted among those who actively participate in this all-important initiative that will bring us

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

closer to Hakadosh Baruch Hu and enhance the power of our Tefillos.

Please download the Bli Neder Commitment to 'Enhancing Our Tefillah Experience'. If you wish to become further involved in supporting this initiative, or have additional ideas, please speak with Shelley Schoenfeld or email: TefillahExperience@OhrTorah.net. Parshas Ki Savo describes that Hashem heard the voices/supplications of the Jewish people. May Hashem hear each of our voices as they ascend from the depths of our hearts to the heights of the Shamayim (heavens), and may our efforts make our Tefillos more effective and meaningful as well as bring Nachas to every one of us and great Simcha to our lives as we each do our part to grow closer to Hashem.

SECURITY UPDATE

Effective Sept 4, the Shul will be locked at all times on weekdays and Sundays, including times of Davening. The front doors can be opened by a punch code. All members have received the code in a recent mailing. Any member who, for any reason does not have the code should contact the President or the members of the security committee. Except for emergencies all entry and exit from the Shul should be via the front door.

ANNUAL TESHUVA LECTURE

The annual community-wide Yomim Noraim teshuva drasha in memory of I. David and Miriam Goldstein will be delivered this year on Sunday evening, Sept 20th at 7:30PM at Cong Ohr Torah. This year's lecture, entitled "Kol Nidrei: How the Rav's Novel Interpretation Will Transform Your Yom Kippur", will be delivered by Rabbi Yosef Adler, Rosh HaYeshiva of Torah Academy of Bergen County, and Rabbi of Cong Rinat Yisroel of Teaneck. Admission is free and light refreshments will be served. Tax deductible donations to Yad Eliezer would be greatly appreciated.

SEATS FOR YOMIM NORAIM

Seat reservation forms for the Yomim Noraim have been mailed out. Please submit forms immediately. Replies can be mailed or dropped in the Shul curbside mailbox on Edgemount Road. Payment for the 2015 seats must accompany this reservation in order to be processed. Also, the Board requires that balances be paid up through the year 2014, including all past membership dues and pledges. Anyone with special circumstances should contact Russell Adler or Brian Allen at 732-572-0329. To arrange special seats at the Hashkama Minyan, contact Gershon Klavan in person or via E-mail at otherwise.com ".

TORAH TAPE LIBRARY

Notice: The Torah Tape Library will be closed from Friday, September 11, 2015 thru Sun., October 11, 2015, for the Jewish Holidays.

LULAV & ESROG ORDERING

When ordering from below, please mention Ohr Torah and OT will receive a donation for each sale.

a.. Barry Siegel & Family siegeldad@optonline.net, 732-572-4408 b.. Judaica Gallery,

judaicagallery@hotmail.com, 732-828-7722 Please see the flyers for additional info. All checks for Lulavim and Esrogim must be made out to the appropriate vendor and **NOT** Congregation Ohr Torah. No check made out to COT will be cashed.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACTT: The current ACTT module is "Hakaros Hatov - Gratitude". Source book: Let There Be Rain - making Gratitude a part of our lives by <u>Rabbi Shimon Finkelman</u> & <u>Rabbi Zechariah Wallerstein</u> - ArtScroll publisher. For more info on ACTT, emailinfo@actt613.org, see www.actt613.org, or call Phil Rosen (732) 572-8762.

CHARITY FUND FOR THE BLIND

As in past years once again, I appeal to the Congregation for The Charity Fund for the Blind. This organization, which was founded by Aliza Goldstein and her husband Yehuda of Jerusalem, has no paid employees and zero overhead. Aliza and Yehuda, when they started to help the blind of Jerusalem used only their personal resources and those of family members. However, the number of people who requested assistance from them multiplied and the needs of the families also increased. At that point, 7 years ago, Aliza contacted me and asked if I could assist her. Since then, I have been raising funds during chodesh Elul for this holy work. Every dollar we raise is used efficiently and directly with not a penny spent outside of the direct help that is dispensed.

Please contact Bella Lerner, 1 Celler Road, Edison with any questions regarding donations.

RPRY GOLF CORPORATE GOLF OUTING

Rabbi Pesach Raymon Yeshiva cordially invites you to a spectacular RPRY Corporate Golf Outing on Wednesday, Sept 9, 2015, at the renowned Trump National Golf Club in Colts Neck, NJ. The outing will begin with breakfast at 8am, followed by a shotgun start at 9am and lunch at 1:30pm. To view the sponsorship levels and register for this exciting event, visit rprygolfouting.yapsody.com. For more info, contact Chedva Gross at rgross@rpry.org or 732-572-5052 x223, or email the Committee Co-Chairs, Jeremy Renna and Shoham Filhart, at rprygolfouting@gmail.com.

SURI GRANEK TOMCHE SHABBOS OF MIDDLESEX COUNTY

The Suri Granek Tomche Shabbos of Middlesex County is selling Rosh Hashanah Cards. The funds raised will help us continue to provide necessary weekly boxes of food for families. Additionally, the fund raised will go towards purchasing Rosh Hashanah and Succot items for the boxes. Pricing: 1 card=\$2, 10 cards=\$15, 25 cards=\$35. For more info or if you would like to purchase cards, please contact:

Rachel Leora Rosen- <u>732-801-7813</u>, Tzippy Newman- <u>732-983-2581</u>, or Tiki Nussbaum- <u>tiki613@gmail.com</u>

SOFER AVAILABLE

The Sofer will be available to check Mezzuzot and Tefillin this Sunday, Sep 6th, from 10AM at Judaica Gallery, 300 Raritan Ave, Highland Park. If possible, please call ahead for an appt. For questions or to make an appt, call <u>732-828-7722</u>.

OHR TORAH SISTERHOOD PRE- YOM TOV BOUTIQUE

Monday, Sep 7, 2015 - 20 Celler Rd, Edison, New Jersey 08817. 7PM – 10:30PM.

<u>FEATURING:</u> Heddy's Hats, Anita's Tablecloths, Esti's Jewelry, Ricky's Incredible Creations, Glam Makeover by Debbie, It's A Girl Thing

BIKUR CHOLIM

-VISITORS WANTED--Bikur Cholim is seeking volunteers to visit Ms. Mollie Reuben, Sara Genchik, and Ms. Esther Tucker at the Regency nursing home on DeMott Lane and Dr. Miriam Engelsohn at Care One, 599 Cranbury Rd, East Brunswick. If you are able to help out, please call Rahel Baruh at <u>732-672-4673</u> or email rbaruh@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. To volunteer to coordinate or drive, contact the Bikur Cholim hotline at (732) 572-7181 or fill out the volunteer form on the website bikurcholimrv.org.

RABBI WEISS SHIUR

Rabbi Weiss: Shiur for men and women on the Parsha, focus on Emunah and Bitachon – Wed. nights at 9:15 PM at the Eiserman home, 154 N. 10th Ave, HP.

FOR WOMEN

- Rebbitzen Eichenstein's classes for women: Tefillah class on Sunday, Sept. 6 at 10:00 AM at Aguda shule; Parsha class on Monday, Sept. 7 at 8:00 PM at Cong. Ohr Torah. For more info, please contact Aviva Siegel at 732-572-4408 siegelmom@optonline.net.
- Tiferes DVD for women: THIS Motzai Shabbos, Sept 5 at 9:15 PM. Title: "The King is in the Field Come close... in small steady steps". Speakers: Rabbi Ephraim Eliyahu Shapiro and Mrs. Dena Schoonmaker. Current weekly teleconferences series: "Back to School" with Mrs. Debbi Selengut. For more info on monthly meeting to watch DVD, please contact Avivasiegelmom@optonline.net. The Highland Park / Edison group of Tiferes is zecher l'nishmas Malka bas Shalom.
- -For more info on Mrs. Miri Cohen's Thursday morning Parsha class, please call the hotline at 206-666-8911.
- -For more info on SemPlus Wed. evening shiur for post seminary girls, please call <u>732-841-1885</u>. For more info on Mrs. Leah Drillman's Shimiras Haloshon class, please call Ellen at <u>201-410-1893</u> or <u>732-777-6787</u>.
- -Bikur Cholim OWLS (Overnight Women Labor Support): A complimentary service for maternity situations whereby volunteers will come to stay with your kids during the night. For more info on receiving this service or becoming a volunteer, please contact Rikki at 732-249-5116. Thank you.
- New Gown Gemach in Edison! Looking for donations! L'iluy Nishmas R' Yitzchok Ben Binyomin. For more information, please call Sara Scott at 516-526-0941

-HP/Edison Connects Women's Melave Malka -Motzai Shabbos, Sept, 19, 2015 Highland Park/Edison Connects invites you to a Women's Potluck Melave Malka on Motzai Shabbos, Sept 19th, at 8:30pm. Whether you have recently moved in and are looking to meet people, or whether you have been here a while and want to reconnect with old friends (and make new ones while welcoming everyone who has recently moved into our town!) we encourage you to come and bring a dish! This (school) year's kick-off Melave Malka will be taking place at the home of Penina and Asaf Shmuel at 17 Fairhill Rd, Edison, and we ask that you please R.S.V.P. at: highlandparkedisonconnects@yahoogroups.co m so we know how many to set up for. If you do choose to bring a dish or a dessert (which will be much appreciated!) please attach a label clearly stating what your dish/salad/etc is, how it was made (pareve or dairy dishes only please) along with your name and tape it to the serving platter. All serving platters and utensils will be returned at the end of the evening to their respective owners. J We look forward to seeing you there! Rikki Samel and Rachelle Stern.

Highland Park/Edison Connects was formed in 2009 with the goal of connecting the community and increasing the sense of Achdus as well as the flow of communication and information between the various Orthodox shuls, schools, institutions, and organizations.

One way that HP/Edison Connects achieves this goal is via the HP/Edison Connects Yahoo List serve, where members can share information about community-wide events, classes, and happenings. Another important role that HP/Edison Connects plays is that of welcoming new families to the community on behalf of all the Orthodox shuls in town. Lastly HP/Edison Connects works to bring together volunteers from all the different facets of the community and help them in any way possible to effectively organize, advertise, and run community-wide events so that the entire community feels represented and welcomed. If you have additional ideas for events, programming, or committees that you feel should fall under the auspices of HP/Edison Connects or would like to come on board as a much needed

volunteer please don't hesitate to contact us at highlandparkedisonconnects- owner@yahoogroups.com

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 100 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.

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 — 11:00 PM ; Friday nights by appointment only. August 29: 9:30 – 11:00; Sept. 5: 9:15 – 11:00 PM; Sept 12: 9:00 – 11:00; Sept 13 – 14(Rosh Hashanah): by appointment only; Sept 15, 19: 9:00 – 11:00. Please arrive with enough time to be out

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

KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP: To sponsor a Kiddush or reserve the Kiddush room, please contact Mel Barenholtz by email: mbarenh@yahoo.com.

SHALOSH SEUDOS SPONSORSHIP: To sponsor a Shalosh Seudos, please contact Moshe Wiesel.

BUILDING DEDICATION OPPORTUNITIESContact 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, <u>www.ohrtorah.net</u>, 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 go to ohrtorah.net and click "Register for OT Yahrzeit Notification" or speak with Ralph Dessau or Gene Wasserman.

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

Parshas Nitzavim

Candlelighting -Mincha – 6:55 PM 7:05 PM

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Announcements should be sent to announcements@ohrtorah.net. Please submit all announcements by 7 PM Wednesday.
PLEASE NOTE: Please make sure that you leave a contact/callback name and phone # in case there is a question regarding the item you wish to be printed, otherwise it may not be included.

by Moshe Sherman

Sof Davar

R. Shmuel Yitzchak Andron and the Founding of the Rabbi Jacob Joseph Yeshiva

The origins of the Rabbi Jacob Joseph yeshiva are to be found in 1901, when a small elementary school was opened on the Lower East side, under the name, Beth Sefer Tifereth Jerusalem. The person most instrumental in the founding of the school was Rabbi Shmuel Yitzchok Andron. A native of Dvinsk. who studied with the famed Rabbi Meir Simcha of Dvinsk, Andron had some general education, as well. For a while, he taught French and German in Russian schools, and published a book on pedagogy in the Russian language. Fearing the conscription of his sons in the Czarist army, he came to America, where he failed as a Hebrew teacher but succeeded when he became an insurance broker.

When Rabbi Jacob Joseph died in 1902, Rabbi Andron spearheaded the effort to change the name of the elementary school to perpetuate the memory of the man who some regarded as the 'Chief Rabbi of New York.' Together with Rabbi Jacob Joseph's son, Raphael, Rabbi Andron, obtained a charter from the New York Board of Regents in 1903 under the new school name, Rabbi Jacob Joseph Yeshiva. Initially, the school was located on Orchard Street. It later moved to 163 Henry Street, where it remained for several decades.

By 1910 there were 500 boys enrolled in the school. Some of the students traveled a considerable distance to get to the Lower East Side. Financial assistance was provided for some of them, and a 'kitchen fund' was established by the Ladies Auxiliary for those who needed help with breakfast and lunch.

The Rabbi Jacob School remained an elementary school through the 1940s, though several unsuccessful attempts were made to establish a high school. It was not until the 1950s that a high school was formed.

Incidentally, near the old RJJ school building, on the corner of Henry Street and Rutgers, there was and still is a playground dedicated to the memory of Captain Jacob Joseph, a Marine who was killed in Guadalcanal in 1942. He was the great-grandson of the 'Chief Rabbi' Jacob Joseph, the son of Lazarus Joseph, a Democratic Party leader who was a State Senator in Albany, and for a while a New York City comptroller.

As for Rabbi Andron, he served for several years as Vice President of the American Federation of Zionists, and in 1922 left America for Palestine. He helped establish a yeshiva in the Givat Shaul neighborhood of Jerusalem, and his home was known to be a refuge for Jews who lived in the Old city and were being attacked by Arabs. Rabbi Shmuel Andron died in Jerusalem in February 1930.

