



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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48 Edgemount Road Edison, NJ 08817

Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi

Russell Adler- President

Parshas Vayeshev

23 Kislev 5776

December 5, 2015

Candlelighting: 4:13PM
Mincha: 4:20 PM
Shacharis: 7:45, 9 & 9:15 AM

*Rabbi Hoffman's Halacha Iyun Shiur
after Hashkama*

Sof Z'man Krias Shma (GR"A): 9:26AM
Rabbi Luban's Taanis Shiur – 3:15 PM

Mincha: 1:45 & 4:05 PM
Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Alan Weitz

Maariv: 5:15 PM

**NOTE: RECITE VESAIN TAL UMATAR
STARTING MOTZEI SHABBOS**

Weekday Shacharis:

Sun. 7:15, 8 & 9 AM

Mon. – Fri. (Chanukah) 6:15, 7:05, & 8AM

Weekday Mincha/ Maariv: 4:20 PM

Late Maariv: 7:30 & 10:10 PM

R. Luban's Sheilos Uteshuvos Shiur- Mon. 9:10 PM

*Rabbi Sauer's Daf Yomi Iyun Shiur – Sunday after
7:15 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

Daf Yomi

Friday night-after Kabolos Shabbos/Maariv

Shabbos-After Hashkama and 1 hr before Mincha

Sunday-after 8 AM Shacharis

Monday-Thursday -after 7:30 PM Maariv

KIDDUSH

Kiddush sponsorship is available for Dec 19th & 26th and Jan 23rd & 30th.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos is sponsored by Alan Weitz in memory of the 29th Yahrtzeit of his father, Moshe Meier Ben Avraham, Z"l.

RETIREE LUNCH AND LEARN

A Woman Called Golda. This film spans Golda Meir's life. We will be showing Part II Dec. 8 (Chanukah). Because of video's length, there is no speaker. Time: 12noon Location: Ohr Torah, 48 Edgemount Rd, Edison, NJ. Program includes light lunch. Charge of \$10pp to help defray cost. RSVP by Sunday prior to the event to Bella blerner18@optonline.net 732 317-1786, Mildred 732 572-1712, or Marcia ppheffer@verizon.net 732 572-5998

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Governing Board election membership meeting will be December 15, 8-9:15 PM. Absentee ballots may be printed from the shul website, placed in a sealed envelope signed on the outside by the member and dropped in the shul mailbox at any time prior to 8:30 PM on December 15.

Full members in good financial standing are eligible to vote.

If you any questions about your financial standing, please contact Brian Allen prior to the meeting.

SPECIAL LEARNING INITIATIVE

B"H all of the Chofetz Chaim, A Daily Companion Seforim that were distributed last week have been taken. Additional Seforim have been purchased and are available at the back of the Shul. May our daily learning of this Sefer together as a Kehila be a Zechus for a Refuah Shelema.

MAZEL TOV

...to Ricki and Moish Nat on the birth of a son to their children Rabbi Opher and Batya Nat . Mazel Tov also to Batya's parents Rabbi and Mrs. Shmuel Schneid, to Great Grandmother Sara Kadry of Bnei Brak Israel, and to all the baby's siblings aunts uncles and cousins.

ENHANCING OUR TEFILLA EXPERIENCE

In order to help create an environment of Kedushah in shul, OT has obtained 400 customized laminated, gold tassel bookmarks on which is imprinted, in Hebrew and English, the Tosfos Yom Tov's mishabarach for those who refrain from talking during davening. The bookmarks are in memory of Joel Adler, a"n, who embodied through his actions the way we should respectfully conduct ourselves in shul. In addition to helping to bring our davening to a higher level, this mishabarach enumerates the many benefits of living by: When it comes to talking during davening, silence is golden. The bookmarks will be distributed today and each minyan will be saying this mishabarach on Shabbos mornings. The bookmarks are yours to use and keep. If you did not receive one, please speak with Shelley Schoenfeld or email: TefillahExperience@OhrTorah.net.

R. SHLOMO KATZ AT OHR TORAH

Please join us on the fourth night of Chanukah for inspiring music and stories from world renowned singer, author and storyteller R. Shlomo Katz. Wed night Dec 9th, 7pm at Cong. Ohr Torah. What better way to celebrate Chanukah, than with beautiful melodies for your ears and inspiring Torah for your Neshama! All tickets sold at the door: Sponsor \$100, includes 2 front row reserved seats. General: \$18 per adult, \$54 family maximum. For more info please contact Srulee Hercman at shercman@gmail.com

SEFORIM DONATIONS

Thanks to the following for their generous Seforim donations:
-Rena & Jeff Klein in honor of the Bar Mitzva of Noam Cohen

-Michael & Penny Kaplan in memory of Alex Diament's mother Goldie Diament Z"l
-Marcia & Paul Pheffer in memory of Murray Katz's sister Barbara Dershowitz Z"l
-Gedalia & Phyllis Reiss in memory of their father Dr. Joseph Kaminetsky Z"l
-Gedalia & Phyllis Reiss in memory of their father Rabbi Phillip H. Reiss Z"l

UPCOMING OT EVENTS

-December 8 Retiree Lunch and Learn featuring A Women Called Golda Film
-December 9 Shlomo Katz Chanukah Concert and Kumsitz
-December 13 Grand Chanukah Celebration and Children's Chinese Auction
-December 19 Progressive Dinner featuring hypnotist/mentalists Ronnie Baras
-December 20 Rabbi Pesach Krohn Special Shiur and Community Tehillim

GRAND CHANUKAH CELEBRATION AND CHILDREN'S CHINESE AUCTION

Ohr Torah is hosting a Grand Chanukah Celebration and Children's Chinese auction on Sunday morning Dec 13th starting at 10:30AM lasting until 1PM. Children, parents & grandparents are all invited. Included is brunch and lots of entertainment such as spin art, face painting, a balloonist, a dazzling children's magic show plus fun, games and giveaways from the Jeff Wilks orchestra. In addition, children will have the opportunity to decorate their own Chanukah donut (frosting and sprinkles provided) and there will be a children's Chinese auction with great prizes. Cost is \$15 a person or \$40 per family. Sponsorships of \$72 and \$100 are available as well. Questions: Contact Mayer Berg by email --

marcberg@verizon.net or by cell – 732-207-9992. Please share the attached flyer to further promote this OT extravaganza! Chag Urim Sameach to all!

SPECIAL SHIUR BY RABBI PESACH KROHN

As a Zechus for a Refuah Shelema for all the Cholim in our community and for the imminent threat facing our brothers and sisters in Israel, a special shiur will be delivered by renowned lecturer and author, Rabbi Pesach Krohn, on Sunday, December 20 at 8:00pm at Ohr Torah. In conjunction with the shiur, there will be a communal recitation Tehillim. We are still looking for a few more sponsors for this event. If you are interested in being a sponsor, please contact Michie Klerer. at Michael.Klerer@gmail.com.

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

LOST AND FOUND ITEM

A pair of lady's leather gloves were found on the path between North 5th and Harrison last week. If anyone has lost them, please email Shulamis Benjamin shubenj@msn.com

OT PROGRESSIVE DINNER FEATURING HYPNOTIST RONNIE BARAS

We are very excited to announce that the Shul's progressive dinner will be Dec 19th at 7:30pm! The progressive dinner will be a very enjoyable evening replete with good food, the opportunity to meet members of our shul that you may not know as well and fun entertainment. The progressive dinner format is designed to facilitate this as all participants will have the opportunity to enjoy the first two fully catered courses at different host's homes with three other couples. Everyone then meets back at the shul for a sumptuous dessert sponsored by the sisterhood and fun entertainment featuring renowned hypnotist /mentalists Ronnie Baras! For reservations at \$25 per person or any questions, please contact any committee member: Nitza Adler, Gila Ginsberg, Lois Goldsmith, Alisa Hercman, Riki Kreitman, Chani Wiesel, or Honey Wisotsky or visit the shul website, ohrtorah.net. RSVP Deadline is Dec 11th.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

NUCLEAR IRAN: SECURITY AND POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS FOR ISRAEL

The Orthodox Forum of Edison/Highland Park presents veteran Israeli journalist David Ze'ev Jablinowitz on Saturday Night, Dec 5th, 8pm at Cong OE. Mr. Jablinowitz, will share an insider's view of the challenges Israel faces in both the short and long term. Program is free of charge. For more info go online to www.orthodoxjewishforum.org.

Special: Mr. Jablinowitz has agreed to present an exclusive presentation of his reflections on Israel's Prime Ministers based on his own reporting and personal experiences. This special 30 minute presentation will be limited to those who have contributed \$100 or more to the Orthodox Forum and will begin at 7:15pm.

David Zeev Jablinowitz moved to Israel from Brooklyn in 1981 and began a career at Kol Yisroel public radio English news in Jerusalem. He has covered the Knesset proceedings for over 25 years and has reported on every Israeli national election since 1988. He has also been reporting for CBS news for the last 10 years. In addition, Mr. Jablinowitz anchors the Kol Yisroel newscasts where he has interviewed top newsmakers, including Prime ministers Yitzhak Rabin, Ariel Sharon and Benjamin Netanyahu.

As a grassroots organization, the Orthodox Forum relies solely on community donations to fund our events. Donations of any amount are welcome. Consider becoming a season supporter for \$200, or becoming a publicly-announced event sponsor for \$50

RPRY MISHMAR

RPRY Mishmar learning program is held at RPRY every Motzei Shabbat @ 7PM Please bring your own seforim. Cost is still only \$3.00 which includes, pizza, donuts, prizes and raffles

AVOS UBANIM

Avos Ubanim (father & son motzei shabbos learning) is back! The learning will take place in the Agudah every Motzei Shabbos from 6:45 - 7:45. Every boy that attends will get a slice of pizza and a raffle ticket for a chance to win some great prizes. This program is absolutely free!!

SHABBOS WITH RTMA DEC 4TH & 5TH

Oneg Shabbos Fri Night Dec 4th at the home of the Silber family, 35 Brookfall Rd, Edison 8PM, Seudat Shlshit, Dec 5th - 4:30PM, Kramer Family, 75 Marshall Dr. Edison NJ.

RABBI JACOB JOSEPH SCHOOL

Annual Ladies Luncheon & Chinese Auction

Host: Mrs. Sharon Golubchik

Honoring: The Mondrow Family

In memory of Marian Mondrow a"h

Sunday December 6th, 12:00 noon

Cong Ohr Torah 48 Edgemount Rd, Edison

ACTT

"The Secret to More Powerful Prayer" with Rabbi Heshy Kleinman can be downloaded from Audio page of ACTT website:

www.actt613.org/6.html. Current ACTT module is "Kavanah during Davening". Source book: Praying with Meaning by Rabbi Kleinman For more info, email info@actt613.org, see www.actt613.org, or call Phil Rosen (732) 572-8762

RABBI WEISS PARSHA SHIUR

FOR MEN AND WOMEN

Rabbi Yisroel Weiss' shiur for men and women will meet Wednesday night, Dec 9th at 8:30PM at the Shenkman's, 26 Leslie, corner of Leslie and Lexington. Topic will be on Chanukah.

YACHAD

This Sun, Dec 6th at Ahavas Achim, join YACHAD for two separate events. From 11AM-12:30PM, high school students will join Senior Yachad for Cookie & Candle Making. Then, from 1PM-2:30PM, middle school students will join Junior Yachad for Teddy Bear Making and an exciting Movement Activity. Please RSVP to Miriam at ayaayouth100@gmail.com.

BIKUR CHOLIM

VISITORS WANTED--Bikur Cholim is seeking volunteers to visit Ms. Mollie Reuben and Ms. Esther Tucker at the Regency nursing home on DeMott Lane. If you are able to help out, please call Rahel Baruh at 732-672-4673 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.

OE CHANUKAH CONCERT

Presented by OE Youth Dept: **Y-Studs** Yeshiva University's premier on-campus a cappella group. Sun Dec 13th. Doors Open 6:30PM. Concert Begins 7PM. Tickets on Sale Now! \$15 by Nov 29th; \$18 by Dec 12th; \$20 at door. Sponsorships avail: \$250 - 6 tickets, premium seats, free CD & name in program; \$200-4 tickets, premium seats, free CD & name in program; \$150-4 tickets & name in program. You may purchase tickets online ohavemeth.org and click on "Donate" tab. Please select "Other" from drop down-write "Chanukah

Concert" for purpose. Questions - oechildren@gmail.com or 732-247-3038.

TABC PARLOR MEETING

TABC PARLOR MEETING is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec 15th 8pm, at the home of Michele & Michael Meiner (484 Lincoln Ave., Highland Park). Meet current parents, students and administrators to learn more about our outstanding yeshiva high school. For info email Donna.Hoenig@tabc.org

FUNDRAISING/MITZVAH OPPORTUNITIES

SHOP FOR PEACE OF MIND

Let Glatt 27 give you Peace of Mind for Shabbat Dec 24th and 25th. Buy from their prepared deli section on these two days and a portion of your sale will go to Peace of Mind, a unique program designed to help IDF combat veterans transition to civilian life. Additional donations can be mailed to American Friends of Herzog Hospital c/o Rosanne Koenigson 221 Washington Ave Edison, NJ 08817

MEMORIAL FUND FOR

EZRA SCHWARTZ Z"L HY'D

A Fund is being established to memorialize Ezra Schwartz z"l HY'D, of Sharon, Mass, grandson of Laurie and Al Senecal, of Edison. Ezra was murdered by terrorists in Israel on Nov 19th. The Fund will purchase a Yahrzeit wall plaque for the Young Israel of Sharon where the Schwartz family davens. Please send contributions made out to The Young Israel of Sharon and send the checks to Marcia Pheffer 14 Ely Place, Edison, NJ 08817. For further info please call 732 572 5998.

CHAI LIFELINE

- Chanukah Toy Drive now through Wednesday Dec.16th. Only new, unwrapped Toys. Drop off locations are RPRY, Shaarei Tzion schools & Glatt 27. Any questions, call Bobbi at (732) 819 7842

BLOOD DRIVE

Just as your calendar begins to free up, here come Thanksgiving, Chanukah, and yes, another blood drive.. On Sun, Dec 20th, we will be holding our next community blood drive from 9AM to 3PM, at Congregation Ahavas Achim, 216 S. First Ave., HP. Babysitting available, and donors can be as young as 16 (with parental permission and meeting weight requirements). As an added chesed, New York Blood Center will contribute \$1 to Global Blood Fund for every pint donated at this drive to refurbish and transport a Bloodmobile to Mexico. For further info, please contact Ira Rosen at 732-393-1018 or ira_rozen@yahoo.com.

RPRY NEWS & EVENTS

-RPRY will be holding its annual Toby Mayer Memorial Scholarship Fund Breakfast Sunday, Dec 20th at 9:30AM. This year's deserving honoree is Mrs. Tobi Schilowitz, who will be presented with the Educator Excellence Award. All funds collected go directly to the scholarship fund. Please contact Yehuda Kohn at ykohn@rpry.org for reservations. -The whole community is cordially invited to RPRY's Family Chanukah Party on Thursday, December 10th, 6:30-8:00pm at YIEB in East Brunswick. Bring your thinking cap...and get ready to celebrate the light!! For more info, please contact Ida Scheiner at imscheiner@aol.com.

JHSCJ GENEALOGY CLUB

The JHSCJ will hold the next meeting of it's new Genealogy Club on Thu, Dec 10, at 7pm Sandra Lanman will speak about "Finding Family, Dead or Alive". She will discuss how to mine documents, family stories, the Internet and other resources to locate relatives and even long lost friends. She will

share how she found her mother's biological family 70 years after and an ocean away from where she was given up for adoption, and located her father's family and friends separated by the Holocaust. Following meeting, there will be an informal mentoring session to discuss individual family research problems. The meeting, which is open to the public, will be held at Ahavas Achim, 261 South First Avenue, Highland Park. For further info, call Debbie at [732-249-4894](tel:732-249-4894).

MA'AYANOT YESHIVA HS DAY OF BIG IDEAS

The entire community is invited to attend Ma'ayanot Yeshiva High School's Day of Big Ideas Fri, Dec 25th, 9:30AM– 12:30PM, at Ma'ayanot (1650 Palisade Ave Teaneck). Program begins with keynote address by Dr. Jeremy Dauber (Atran Prof of Yiddish Language, Literature, and Culture & Dir, Institute of Israel and Jewish Studies, Columbia Univ) on the topic *Frightening Jews: What Makes a Jewish Horror Story?* Keynote address will be followed by addtl lectures by Ma'ayanot faculty on advanced topics in liberal arts and sciences. Men & women welcome. For more info contact Pam Ennis at [201-833-4307](tel:201-833-4307), ext. 265.

RARITAN VALLEY HADASSAH

- General Meeting: One of the Very First Humanitarian Missions to the Jews of Cuba Tues, Jan 5, 2016, 7:30PM Cong Ahavas Achim *"Kol Yisrael areivim ze laze."* (Every Jew is responsible for one another.) Join us at our January General Meeting, the first of a continuing series about Areivut, when Rabbi Ronald Schwarzberg, Rabbi Emeritus of Cong AA shares his experience accompanying Sheila Kossof Goldberg and her brother, Stanley Kossof, to Cuba in the early 1990s to trace the tracks of Sheila and Stanley's father, George Kossof z"l, who escaped Nazi Germany by immigrating to Cuba.
-Chug Ivrit for intermediate to advanced Hebrew speakers will meet on Sun, Dec 6 at 11AM at the home of Justin and Susan Hornstein, 701 S. 2nd Ave., HP. We chat in Hebrew and read a short Hebrew story or article. We'd love to have you join us! Please RSVP to Justin or Susan at jmhornstein@gmail.com or [732-214-9631](tel:732-214-9631).

FOR WOMEN

- AY Women's Learning program will meet on Shabbos afternoon, Dec 5, Parshas Vayeishev at 3PM at home of Sharon and Leon Glaser, 15 Barlow Rd Edison. Speaker will be Mrs. Claire Snow on the topic of "The Stars, The Sand and The Dust." All Women and girls high school age and older are welcome to attend. For more info Sharon Glaser at sharonnglaser@gmail.com
-Mrs. Miri Cohen's Parsha class meets Thur at 10AM sharp at Riki Samel's house. Call the hotline to confirm at [206-666-8911](tel:206-666-8911).

-SemPlus evening shiur for post seminary girls meets Wednesday evening. Please call hotline to confirm at [732-841-1885](tel:732-841-1885).

- Rebbitzin Eichenstein's classes for women: No classes Sun Dec. 6 and Mon Dec. 7. For more info, contact Aviva at [732-572-4408](tel:732-572-4408) or sieglmom@optonline.net

-Mrs. Leah Drillman's Shimiras Haloshon class: No class Mon, Dec 7. For more info, please call Ellen at [201-410-1893](tel:201-410-1893) or [732-777-6787](tel:732-777-6787).

- Tiferes DVD for women: Motzai Shabbos, Jan. 2 at 8:30PM at the Siegel house. Current weekly teleconferences series: "Our Parents and In-laws" with Mrs. Seryl Berman. *The teleconferences are FREE to all women in the month of Kislev!* [212-444-9898](tel:212-444-9898). Pin # 5775. For more info, please contact Aviva sieglmom@optonline.net. The Highland Park / Edison group of Tiferes is zecher l'nishmas Malka bas Shalom.

- 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 money raised at 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)) sieglmom@optonline.net

- Women's beginning Israeli Dancing continues at Etz Ahaim, 230 Denison St, HP, on Sun Nov 29, 11AM immediately following Rabbi Bassous' 10 a.m. Women's Shiur "The Key to a Successful Life." All women and girls are invited to join us for the shiur and/or the dancing. Join us for great fun and great aerobic exercise! Dance costs \$10/per session made out to Daughters of Etz Ahaim!

-Edison/Highland Park gown Gemach, L'iluy Nishmas R' Yitzchok Ben Binyomin, open for business! The Gemach houses a wide selection of gowns for children, pre-teen, teens and adults. Please note the Gemach is still looking for donation of gowns in very good condition. Tax deduction is given & pick up of the gowns can be arranged. For more info and/or to schedule appt please call Sara Scott at [516-526-0941](tel:516-526-0941).

HIGHLAND PARK MIKVAH

Mikvah hours for Standard Time: Sunday–Thur evenings 8PM–10:30PM; Friday nights by appt only. Dec. 5, 12, 19, 26: 7:30–10PM. Please arrive with enough time to be out before closing time. More info, call [732-249-2411](tel:732-249-2411) or email hpmikvah@gmail.com.

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

Shabbos Miketz

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