



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi

Jeff Klein- President

Parshas Bo

6 Shevat 5776

January 16, 2016

Candlelighting:	4:37PM
Mincha:	4:45 PM
Shacharis:	7:45, 9 & 9:15 AM
<i>Rabbi Hoffman's Halacha B'iyun shiur after Hashkama</i>	
Sof Z'man Krias Shma (GR"A):	9:43AM
<i>Rabbi Luban's Taanis Shiur – 3:40 PM</i>	
Mincha:	1:45 & 4:30 PM
<i>Shalosh Seudos Speaker: Rabbi Shraga Silberberg</i>	
Maariv:	5:40 PM
Weekday Shacharis:	
Sun.	7:15, 8 & 9 AM
Mon. & Thurs.	6:17, 7:05 & 8 AM
<i>Earliest Talis and Tefilin: 6:20 Mon, 6:19 Thu.</i>	
Tues., Weds. & Fri.	6:30, 7:10 & 8 AM
Weekday Mincha/ Maariv:	4:45 PM
Late Maariv:	7:30 & 10:10 PM
<i>Rabbi Akiva Sauer Daf Yomi Iyun shiur – Sunday after 7:15 Shacharis</i>	
<i>R.Luban's Sheilos Utshuvos Shiur- Mon. 9:10 PM</i>	
<i>Tuesday Night Tehillim – 9:50- 10:10 PM</i>	
<i>Kollel Learning: Wednesday 8-10:10 PM</i>	
Daf Yomi	
(No Daf Yomi after Friday night Maariv)	
Shabbos- one hour before Mincha	
(No Daf Yomi after Hashkama or at 8:15 AM)	
Sunday-after 8 AM Shacharis	
Monday-Thursday –after 7:30 PM Maariv	

KIDDUSH

Kiddush is sponsored by Michelle and Robert Schanzer in honor of Benjamin's Bar Mitzvah. Kiddush sponsorship is available for February 20th and March 5th, 19th and 26th.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos is sponsored by Miriam and Michael Rabinowitz in memory of the Yahrtzeit of Michael's father Dovid ben Gedalyahu Halevi A"H.

SECURITY TRUSTEES

Ohr Torah is looking for a few good men and /or women to serve on our planned security detail for Shabbos and Yom Tov. Volunteers would participate on a rotation of every 4-5 weeks for 1.5-2 hour shifts. There will be extensive training sessions for all volunteers prior to initiating the security service. Please contact Marc Hanfling, Yoel Schwartz, Asaf Shmuel, Matt Holland, or Jonathan Teitelbaum for further info.

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 27th. Please contact Barry Siegel, Charlie Gershbaum, Jason Jurkevich or Mayer Berg to purchase tickets. All proceeds support the OT Youth programs.

BONE MARROW DRIVE

Lisa Schanzer's mother needs a bone marrow transplant as soon as possible. She has teamed up with BeTheMatch Bone Marrow Registry to hold a drive Feb 7th - 9AM-3PM at Cong Ohr Torah. If you are at least 18 years old, please come and help save a life! **SCREENING REQUIRES ONLY A CHEEK SWAB**

MAZEL TOV

...to Michelle and Robert Schanzer on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Benjamin. Mazel Tov to grandparents Sheila and Henry Schanzer, aunts and uncles, Riki and Robert Kreitman and Lisa and Barry Schanzer and the entire Schanzer family.

BNEI AKIVA

Bnei Akiva snif this week for boys and girls grades 3-8!!! Games, raffles, prizes, and lots of fun!! From Mincha to Maariv, 4:30- 5:40 this Shabbat afternoon!

ENHANCING OUR TEFILLA EXPERIENCE

Fully concentrate on the words and meaning of every Kaddish and respond appropriately with Amen, Brich Hu, and Yehei Shmei Rabbah. (The prophet Elijah said:) When the Jews enter their synagogues and yeshivas and respond "May His great Name be blessed," the Holy One Blessed be He nods His assent and says, "Happy is the King Who has such praise in His house" (Talmud Brachos 3a). One who replies "Yehei shmei rabbah..." can rest assured that he has a place in the Next World (Talmud Brachos 57a).

ASSISTANT RABBI SEARCH UPDATE

Several months ago, a committee was formed and tasked with the responsibility to search for an assistant rabbi. The committee is made up of members that reflect the richly diverse nature of our congregation.

We had a remarkable response to our job posting with 26 applicants reflecting a diverse range of backgrounds. We believe this is a reflection of the tremendous esteem that is held for Rabbi Luban and the great opportunity this position offers for young and enthusiastic rabbis.

All resumes were reviewed, discussed and ranked by the committee. We then conducted a series of telephone interviews with the candidates. Based on these telephone interviews, the committee selected eight outstanding candidates to come in for a face to face interview. This is where we are at the present time.

From this group, we intend to choose the three best candidates to come in for a

Shabbos "probeh". We have February 19, 26 and March 5 currently scheduled for these probehs.

Finally, once the probehs have been completed, a membership meeting and vote will be scheduled to choose one of these 3 candidates as the assistant rabbi. We thank you for your support for this process.

Assistant Rabbi Search Committee

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

HIGHLAND PARK COMMUNITY KOLLEL ANNUAL COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

Dr. Moshe Schneider, Chairman of the Annual Highland Park Community Kollel Breakfast, is pleased to announce that we will be Celebrating the Kolllels Decade of Torah, Avodah & Gemilus Chasodim. The breakfast will IY"H take place at Cong. Ohr Torah Sunday Morning, January 17th 2016 at 9:30AM. The Guest Speaker will be HaRav Lipa Geldwerth Shlit"a, R'M at Yeshiva Torah Temimah & Rav, Congregation Kol Torah We are looking forward to seeing you there.

RESERVE THE DATE

NORPAC Washington mission May 18 2016.

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) 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!!

ACTT

ACTT: "The Secret to More Powerful Prayer" with Rabbi Heshy Kleinman can be downloaded from the Audio page of the ACTT web site at: www.actt613.org/6.html. The current ACTT module is "Kavanah during Davening". Source book: *Praying with Meaning* by Rabbi Kleinman. For more info on ACTT, email info@actt613.org, see www.actt613.org, or call Phil Rosen (732) 572-8762.

PEACE OF MIND

Peace of Mind thanks everyone for their support in 2015. We are halfway to our goal and we need your help in 2016. Please join us Saturday night, Jan 16th for our kickoff campaign. 8pm at the Renna house. 254 South Adelaide Ave in Highland

REMINDER: Emergency Defibrillators are located on the upstairs wall hallway & the entry hallway downstairs wall. CHEVRA HATZOLAH OF MIDDLESEX COUNTY 732-640-5545

First aid kits are available in the President's Shtender in the main Shul and in the back room of the kitchen.

Park. Find out more about Peace of Mind, the program that helps IDF combat veterans transition to civilian life.

Donations can be made to American Friends of Herzog Hospital and mailed c/o Koenigson 221 Washington Ave, Edison NJ 08817

KHAL CHASSIDIM GUEST SPEAKER

The renowned Rabbi Dovid Gottlieb of Ohr Somayach in Jerusalem will be lecturing in our community at Khal Chassidim on Tuesday, Feb 16th, at 8:30PM, followed by Maariv at 9:30pm

BIKUR CHOLIM

-Save the date! Bikur Cholim Annual Event Sunday March 6th at the Pines Manor at 9:30AM.

Guests of honor: Dr. Barry and Mrs. Susan Wolf.

Guest speaker: Rabbi Eli Mansour

-BIKUR CHOLIM: VISITORS WANTED--Bikur Cholim is seeking volunteers to visit Mollie Reuben, Esther Tucker, and Shirley Cohen at the Regency nursing home on DeMott Lane.

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 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](tel:732-572-7181) or fill out the volunteer form on the website bikurcholimrv.org.

ORTHODOX FORUM

The Orthodox Forum of Highland Park and Edison presents Sharon Freundel on, "TEACH: Torah Education for All Children", exploring paradigms for inclusion of diverse learners in Jewish Education. She is currently the Director of Hebrew and Judaic Studies at the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital and teaches adult Jewish education classes throughout the Greater Washington, DC, area. The program will take place Saturday night, Jan 30th at 8pm at Cong Ahavas Achim. The Orthodox Forum gladly accepts season sponsorships, as well as program sponsorships. For more info go online to www.orthodoxjewishforum.org.

FUNDRAISERS

- Our son Yaakov is raising Tzedakah for the CHAI LIFELINE organization.. His goal is to raise \$3,600. So far Yaakov has (Thank G-d) raised \$3290 (checks & web) which is 91% of his goal. Please support Yaakov as he runs in the Miami Half-Marathon (13.1 miles) for Chai Lifeline on Jan 24. Tax deductible donations can be made at

<http://www.teamlifeline.org/my/61569>

Checks can also be mailed to the Siegel house, 16 Edgemount Rd, Edison.

-Elie Salomon, is running in a half marathon in Disneyworld at Orlando on Feb 21st to raise money and awareness for a very special organization she helped found, Yesh Tikva. Yesh Tikva (a 501c3) was established in 2015 to combat the loneliness of couples facing infertility and to create a Jewish Community of support. Please support Eli's efforts by sponsoring her in the marathon. Please drop a check off at her home: 329 No Fifth Ave, Edison, NJ 08817, or donate thru her fundraising website:

<https://www.youcaring.com/yesh-tikva-478448>

For more info about Yesh Tikva, please visit their website: www.yeshtikva.org or call Eli at 917-312-2929

-YACHAD Fundraiser- On March 18th, I will be running in the Jerusalem half marathon for Team Yachad. Please help me reach and surpass my goal by donating to this wonderful organization. You can follow link to contribute, or make a check payable to YACHAD and mail/drop off by Prupis, 30 Edgemount Rd, Edison, NJ 08817. Thank you, and Tizku L'mitzvot! Binyamin Prupis, Yeshivat Migdal HaTorah, Modi'in.

<https://jerusalem.teamyachad.com/runner/binyamin88>

HIGHLAND PARK NEWS/EVENTS

-MEET THE MAYOR - "Roll With the Mayor!" Join Highland Park Mayor Gayle Brill Mittler at a special Meet the Mayor event at Sushiana Restaurant, Wed, Jan 20th at 5pm.

Learn how to make a sushi roll with a professional sushi chef, and talk about the town with the Mayor and your neighbors.

RSVP req by Jan 18th to info@sushiana.com.

-COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

The Highland Park Community Food Pantry is a volunteer-run organization established by the Borough of HP in 2000 to provide non-perishable food to residents in need.

Donations may be made payable to the Borough of Highland Park with "Food Pantry" in the memo field, and mailed to HPC Food Pantry, 220 S. 6th Ave, Highland Park, NJ. To volunteer, please call [732-819-0052](tel:732-819-0052) or email

highlandparkfoodpantry@gmail.com with your contact info, tasks you would like to help with, any special skills you have, and the hours you are available.

RABBI WEISS' SHIUR FOR MEN & WOMEN

Rabbi Yisroel Weiss' shiur for men and women on the Parsha, with a focus on Emunah and Bitachon, will be held on Wednesday nights at 8:30PM at the Sherkman's residence, 26 Leslie St, Edison.

FOR MEN

NEW JCC MEN'S GROUP! Join the JCC of Middlesex County, 1775 Oak Tree Rd, Edison This new group is devoted to semi-retired and retired men who are looking for a meaningful social activity for relaxation,

learning and friendly interaction with men of a similar age. Tell your stories! Bagels and coffee provided. Free for JCCMC members; \$5 per session for nonmembers. For more info contact Lincoln Richman at 732-494-3232 ext. 3627.

SHIUR FOR MEN:

Shovavim Project presents a two part review Shiur on Halachos of Taharas Hamishpacha to be given Wed, Feb. 10 and Wed, Feb. 17 at 8PM by Rabbi Steven Miodownik at Cong Ahavas Achim. All married men welcome. For more info, please contact Lynn Hanfling dodcdad@aol.com

FOR WOMEN

-A weekly discussion for women on the Parsha of the week based on the essays of Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz and led by Steinsaltz Ambassador, Betzalel Strauss, will continue to meet on Mondays at 1PM at AA. All women are invited and we hope you will join us for these lively discussions.

Questions? cynthiaandlloyd@yahoo.com

-Tiferes DVD for women: Motzai Shabbos, Jan. 30 at 8:30PM at the Siegel house. *The teleconferences are FREE to all women this month!* [212-444-9898](tel:212-444-9898). Pin # 5775. For more info, please contact

Aviva siegelmom@optonline.net. The Highland Park / Edison group of Tiferes is zecher L'nishmas Malka bas Shalom.

- Mrs. Leah Drillman's Shimiras Haloshon class: Monday, Jan. 18 at 7:30PM at the home of Ellen Smith, 407 North Eighth Ave., Edison. More info, call Ellen at [201-410-1893](tel:201-410-1893) or [732-777-6787](tel:732-777-6787).

-Mrs. Miri Cohen's Parsha class meets Thursday at 10AM sharp at Riki Samel's house. Call hotline to confirm [206-666-8911](tel:206-666-8911).

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

-Rebbitzin Eichenstein's classes for women: No class Sunday, Jan. 17; contact Aviva at [732-572-4408](tel:732-572-4408) or siegelmom@optonline.net for status of Parsha class on Monday Jan. 18th

- Women's beginning Israeli Dancing at Etz Ahaim every Sunday at 11AM. All women and girls are invited to join in the ruach, fun and aerobic exercise. Dance costs \$10/per session (Rutgers students 1/2 price \$5) made out to Daughters of Etz Ahaim. This group is co-sponsored by Raritan Valley Hadassah and Daughters of Etz Ahaim.

-After the resounding success of the Rebbitzin Sima Spetner parenting workshops this past summer, the YST PTA is proud to present "The Science of Parenting from a Torah Perspective" by Rebbetzin Ruthi Lynn, a renowned expert in the field, specially trained and highly recommended by Rebbetzin Sima Spetner. A sample class can be accessed

at: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B6CKN9Wv4ZCAyIVGV19pTG8yS00>

Classes continue as follows: 4)

01/17 reducing negativity, increasing cooperation 5) 01/31-picking battles 6) 02/14-defining issues 7) 02/21-giving consequences 8) 02/28-giving consequences etc. 9) 03/6-Sibling atmosphere 10) 03/13-Wrap up class. Recordings of each class available. This 10 part series is open to everyone and began Sun 12/27 at 10AM in the 2nd floor Aguda classroom. Limited scholarships are available to YST parents. Spots are limited and enrollment will be on first come first serve basis. For more info/ to register, call [732-986-3153](tel:732-986-3153) or email srhakimi@hotmail.com Cost: \$115 for last 5 classes.

-The Edison/Highland Park gown Gemach, L'iluy Nishmas R' Yitzchok Ben Binyomin, is 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 and pick up of the gowns can also be arranged. For more info and/or to schedule an appt please call Sara Scott at [516-526-0941](tel:516-526-0941).

-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

-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](tel:732-249-5116). Thank you.

PARK MIKVAH EVENT

Save the date! Cooking demonstration and food tasting with Victoria Dwek, Managing Editor of Ami's Whisk Magazine and author of many cookbooks in the "Made Easy" and "Secret Restaurant" series, to benefit the Park Mikvah. Motzei Shabbos, Feb 6th at 8:15PM at home of Yael Kamelhar, 22 Perry Rd. For women only. Cost of event is \$25. Space is limited. To make a reservation, please email Esther Posen at eposen@optonline.net. For more info, please call Lynn Hanfling at [732-777-0225](tel:732-777-0225).

HIGHLAND PARK MIKVAH HOURS

The Highland Park Mikvah hours for Standard Time: Sunday-Thursday evenings 8PM - 10:30PM Friday nights by appointment only. All Motzai Shabbos in January: 7:30PM - 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.

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.

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](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 Refuah Shleimah 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 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](tel:732-247-ERUV) for status of the Eruv

Shabbos Beshalach

Candlelighting:	4:45PM
Mincha:	4:55PM

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