



# Congregation Ohr Torah

## Weekly Announcements

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**Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi**

**Jeff Klein- President**

*Parshas Pekudei*

2 Adar II 5776

March 12, 2016

**Candlelighting:** 5:42PM  
**Mincha:** 5:50 PM

**Shacharis:** 7:45, 9 & 9:15 AM

*Rabbi Hoffman's Halacha B'iyun shiur  
after Hashkama*

**Sof Z'man Krias Shma (GR"A):** 9:10AM

*Rabbi Luban's Taanis Shiur – 4:45PM*

**Mincha:** 1:45 & 5:35 PM

Shalosh Seudos Speaker : Rabbi Eric Lankin

**Maariv:** 6:45 PM

*Daylight Saving Time starts tonight. Set clocks  
ahead 1 hour*

**Weekday Shacharis:**

**Sun.** 7:15, 8 & 9 AM

**Mon. & Thurs.** 6:20, 7:05, & 8 AM

**Tues., Weds. Fri.** 6:30, 7:10 & 8 AM

**Weekday Mincha/ Maariv:** 6:50 PM

**Late Maariv:** 10:10 PM

*Rabbi Akiva Sauer Daf Yomi Iyun shiur –  
after 7:15 Shacharis on Sunday*

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

*Tuesday Night Tehillim – 9:50- 10:10 PM*

*Kollel Learning: Wednesday 8-10:10 PM*

**Daf Yomi**

Daylight savings schedule for Daf yomi:

Friday-after first Kabbolas Shabbos

Shabbos one hour before mincha

Sunday -after 8 am Shacharis

Monday-Thursday -after zman Maariv

Daf Yomi is starting a new Masechta, Maseches

Kiddushin, tomorrow Sunday March 13. This is an ideal

time to start.

### **KIDDUSH**

Kiddush this week is sponsored by Nillie and David Goldman in honor of Elan's Bar Mitzvah.

Kiddush sponsorship is available for March 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> and April 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **SHALOSH SEUDOS**

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### **CONG. OHR TORAH ANNUAL DINNER**

Please join us on March 27, 5:30pm at the Rutgers Chabad House in New Brunswick, as we honor two very special couples, Sheila & Henry Schanzer and Bracha & Ami Avraham. This year, for the very first time, you can reserve, place your ad and pay entirely online at [www.ohrtorah.net/dinner](http://www.ohrtorah.net/dinner).

*Dinner Chairs:* Noa & Judah Elbaum

Aviva & Erez Shimoni

*Journal Chairs:* Hinda & Barry Herman

### **OHR TORAH ANNUAL YOUTH RAFFLE**

Please help support Ohr Torah's youth groups by purchasing raffle ticket(s).

The cost of the tickets is 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.

### **MAZEL TOV**

...to Nillie and David Goldman on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Elan. Mazel Tov to Elan's sisters - Dalya, Tali, Rachel, and Yardena - and to Elan's grandmothers, aunts, uncles, and cousins who are here to celebrate this special Simcha. Bruchim Habaim to the family members and many friends who are here this Shabbos from near and far.

... to Rabbi Yoni and Naomi Danzger on the birth of a daughter.

... to Harriet and Joel Gersten on the engagement of their grandson Eliezer Gersten of Lakewood to Miriam Rubin of Passaic. Mazel Tov to Eliezer's parents, Rabbi Shmuel Mordechai and Esther Gersten, and to the Dessau and Allen families.

... to Anna and Charles Plittman on the birth of a daughter, Chava Devorah, to their children Aviva and Yaakov Plittman. Mazel Tov as well to her sisters Avigayil and Esti. ... to Debby and Arthur Atlas on the engagement of their daughter Talia to Ezra Stone, son of Ellen and Stanley Stone of Teaneck. Mazel Tov to Talia's siblings Abby and Menachem Lazar, Reuben and Racheli Atlas, and Leah and Sam Lightstone, and grandmother Erika Schoenfeld, as well as the extended families.

...to Fran and Moshe Bar-Eli, Shavy and Yisroel Meir Luss and Esther and Joshua Rothman on the engagement of their children Chaim and Esti. Mazel Tov also to the Bar-Eli, Rothman and Luss siblings and the rest of the extended families...

... to Fran & Shmully Leitman on the birth of a daughter, Rina Chaya, to their children Danielle & Yoni Leitman of Fair Lawn, NJ. Mazel Tov as well, to Aunt Chavi & Uncle Gavi Berkovits and cousins Etai & Natan.

### **EDISON HIGHLAND PARK CHABURAH**

Cong. Ohr Torah is pleased to welcome Rabbi Billowitz and the Edison/Highland Park Chaburah who will be joining us for Shabbos. There will be a Carlbach Minyan Friday night in the Beis Medrash in conjunction with the Edison/HP Carlbach Chevra and the Chaburah will be davening with YFM on Shabbos morning.

### **SEFORIM DONATIONS**

Thanks to the following for their generous Seforim donations:

-David & Fay Moskovic in honor of Mrs Sima Kessel's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday

-Al & Lynn Rappaport in memory of Lisa Goldberg's mother Rhoda Presser Z"L

### **ENHANCING OUR TEFILLA EXPERIENCE**

The Hebrew word for Jew, Yehudi, means "one who gives thanks." So, ignite your essence as a Jew and give thanks to Hakadosh Baruch Hu for everything He does and gives to us, including what we sometimes take for granted such as breathing. Pay particular attention to the parts of the davening where we express our gratitude to Hashem. Daven those tefillos with extra kavanah, concentration, such as Modim, Hodu, Mizmor L'Todah, etc. Throughout the day, get into the habit of recognizing Hashem's goodness and thanking Him with your own personal prayers – Hodu LaShem Ki Tov Ki L'Olam Chasdo; Thank Hashem for He is good, His loving-kindness is forever.

### **SECURITY TRAINING SESSION #2**

The next OT security training session will take place on Sunday March 13th from 8-11 in the OT Kiddush Room. The early start is to accommodate those with family plans scheduled. If unable to attend the complete session please make time to attend some portion as there will be practical material presented. Coffee etc.. will be provided.

### **ASSISTANT RABBI VOTE**

The Assistant Rabbi Vote and Membership Meeting will take place at the following times: Sun, March 13 from 8:30AM-10AM Wed, March 16 from 8-10PM All full members in good standing are entitled to vote. All voting must be done in person provided that a spouse may serve as a proxy vote for the other spouse (with a signed proxy). Ballots will be available at the Shul and can also be downloaded from the Shul website.

### **YOUTH EVENTS**

-On Sunday March 13th at 2PM Cong. Ohr Torah will be going by school bus from the Shul to the Big Apple Circus located in a heated tent adjacent to TD Bank Ballpark in Bridgewater, NJ. We will return to the Shul at 5:30PM. This program is for children and parents. All children six and under must be accompanied by an adult. The all new show entitled "The Grand Tour - A Circus Extravaganza!" will include clowns, jugglers, acrobats, and aerialists, from Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, North and South America, as well as domestic and rescue animals, all creating performances that will leave audiences smiling and cheering. The show

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

runs 1 hour and 50 minutes including a 20-minute intermission. Our seats are in the back of the center ring with an amazing view of all 100+ performances. Cost is \$30 per person including transportation for all reservations made in advance. On the day of event, price goes up to \$35pp. Max \$100 per family.

-On Wed night March 23rd, Ohr Torah has a grand celebration being planned for Purim night. There will be shows and entertainers starting promptly at 7:45 pm lasting until 9:15 pm in the YFM room and classrooms. Here are the details for Purim night:

- Balloon Twisting from 7:45-9:15pm (1.5hrs) in a classroom
  - Party Caricatures from 7:45-9:15pm (1.5hrs) in a classroom
  - Juggling/Fire Eating Show from 8:30-9:00pm or later (~ 30 min) in the YFM room
- To make a reservation for The Big Apple Circus please send an email to Mayer Berg at [marcberg@verizon.net](mailto:marcberg@verizon.net). Please include names and phone numbers for all attendees. In addition, checks can be dropped off at home of Mayer Berg @ 15 Edgemont Rd in Edison or in the Shul mailbox @ 48 Edgemont Rd in Edison, NJ (please note on the check the specific OT youth event that you are paying for).

#### **MISSING COAT**

Two weeks ago, dark colored winter coats with hoods were accidentally switched. If you have the wrong coat, contact the office.

#### **SHAIMOS COLLECTION**

Congregation Ohr Torah will hold this year's community Shaimos Collection on Sunday, March 27 from 10AM to 4PM. The cost is \$20 per large garbage sized bags. Please make all checks out to Cong Ohr Torah. (Coordinator/questions) Barry Siegel, [siegeldad@optonline.net](mailto:siegeldad@optonline.net)

Seforim sale: There will also be a used Seforim sale at this time, Great Bargains!!! Come find your hard-to-find and/or out-of-print books and stock up your home libraries.

#### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

##### **YIEB'S ISRAEL ADVOCACY COMMITTEE**

Sun March 13th, 12 Noon at YIEB\_YIEB's Israel Advocacy Committee Presents: "Ever thought about buying or investing in property in Israel? Now's your chance to learn from an expert!" Attend a relaxed, informal educational session led by Shelly Levine of Tivuch Shelly, the premier real estate agent & developer in Israel, who will share tips, strategies, & detailed information about various residential projects in Israel. Bring family & friends; learn about the benefits & features of Israeli home ownership in American-style, American friendly neighborhoods: Single Family Villas, Terraced Cottages, Apartments & Townhouse in some of the best-selling communities sought after by the Anglo community in Israel. March 13th at 12 Noon, at YIEB. Free of charge. Light refreshments will be served. Questions? Contact: [IsraelAdvocacy@yieb.org](mailto:IsraelAdvocacy@yieb.org)

Disclaimer: Neither YIEB nor YIEB Israel Advocacy Committee makes any endorsement for

any product/service referred to in this meeting notice, nor has any financial interest in same; this info does not constitute an offering of sale.

#### **FRIENDS OF THE ISRAELI DEFENSE FORCES**

FIDF Program Friends of the Israel Defense Forces, Middlesex County Div, NJ Chapter, cordially invite you to attend From Israel's Front Lines: A Conversation with IDF Soldiers. Wed March 16, 7:30PM, at a private home in East Brunswick. RSVP [Cara.Chernin@fidf.org](mailto:Cara.Chernin@fidf.org) or 646-274-9646. For more info, David Moskovic at 732-580-1052

-Friends of the IDF NJ chapter First Womens luncheon at a private home in Montclair Sunday March 13<sup>th</sup> 12:30PM. Couvert \$36. Contact [Cara.Chernin@fidf.org](mailto:Cara.Chernin@fidf.org) or 646-274-9646

#### **NORPAC MISSION**

Join us on our annual Mission to Washington to support the U.S.-Israel relationship on Wednesday, May 18th. Buses leave for Washington from our area 6:30AM and return between 9-10PM. There will be briefings on the bus. All meals provided. [www.norpac.net](http://www.norpac.net) or call (201) 788-5133 Adults - \$125, Students - \$75 (must be over 12. Those under 18 must be accompanied by parent or legal guardian). For more info contact Marc Hanfling [docdad@aol.com](mailto:docdad@aol.com) Neer Even-Hen, Yosef Schreiber or Barry Wolf.

#### **BIKUR CHOLIM**

- HOMEBOUND VISITATION: Seeking adults and 11th graders and older who would be interested in volunteering to visit homebound people in our community. For more info, please call Bikur Cholim at [732-572-7181](tel:732-572-7181).

- NURSING HOME VISITATION: Seeking volunteers to visit at the Regency nursing home on DeMott Lane in Somerset. For more info, please call Rahel Baruh at [732-672-4673](tel:732-672-4673) or email [rbaruh@yahoo.com](mailto:rbaruh@yahoo.com)

- TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE: Drivers and coordinators needed. Coordinate rides to and from medical appointments - match requesters with an available driver. Each coordinator serves for two weeks at a time. To volunteer to coordinate or to drive, please call Bikur Cholim hotline at [732-572-7181](tel:732-572-7181) or fill out the volunteer form on the website [bikurcholimrv.com](http://bikurcholimrv.com)

- NEW WEBSITE: [bikurcholimrv.com](http://bikurcholimrv.com). The new website provides information regarding Bikur Cholim services, including how to access our local hospitals on Shabbat, how to borrow medical equipment, and how to get prescription medication on Shabbat.

#### **UPCOMING BNOS MALKA/PIRCHEI EVENT:**

COME WATCH AND ENJOY THE JABALE ACROBATS on Tuesday, March 22 - 6:30 -7:45 PM at the YST Boys School (71 Ethel Road West in Piscataway). Please make advance reservations by emailing [pircheiedisonhp@gmail.com](mailto:pircheiedisonhp@gmail.com) or by calling [732-819-9738](tel:732-819-9738). Price for Bnos/Pirchei members is \$6 with advance reservations or \$8 at the door. For non-Bnos/Pirchei members, cost is \$13 with advance reservations or \$15 at the door.

#### **SURI GRANEK TOMCHE SHABBOS PURIM CARDS**

The Suri Granek Tomche Shabbos of Middlesex County is selling Purim cards again. These cards can be used in lieu of Mishloach Manos and fulfill the Mitzvah of Matanos L'Evyonim so it is a 2-for-1 special. The funds raised will help us continue to provide necessary weekly boxes of food for families. Additionally, the funds raised will go towards purchasing piece of items for the Pesach boxes. The cost is \$2= 1 card, \$15 = 10 cards and

\$35= 25 cards. For more info or to purchase cards please contact: Tzippy Newman at [732-983-2581](tel:732-983-2581), Tiki Nussbaum at [tiki613@gmail.com](mailto:tiki613@gmail.com), or Rachel Leora Rosen [732-801-7813](tel:732-801-7813).

#### **PURIM CARDS FROM THE KINDER (CHILDREN'S) FUND**

The Kinder Fund in memory of Dina Eisner, a"n, (formerly The Children's Fund) is selling Purim Mishloach Manos cards for \$2.00 each. The cards are perfect to send to all friends & relatives. All proceeds from the sale enable The Kinder Fund to help subsidize needed services for many local children. To obtain cards, contact Tova Josefovitz at [732.572.9432](tel:732.572.9432), Shoshana Diskind at [732.572.7755](tel:732.572.7755), Lani Eisner at [732.572.1087](tel:732.572.1087) or Janice Lustiger at [732.819.4919](tel:732.819.4919) or e-mail your request to [thekinderfund@gmail.com](mailto:thekinderfund@gmail.com).

#### **FREE LARGE PRINT HAGGADOT**

For 85 years, the JBI Library has enabled visually impaired people all over the world to participate in the most treasured of Jewish rituals, the Passover Seder, by providing FREE Large Print Haggadot. If you or someone you know needs a Large Print Haggadah this year, please call JBI toll-free [1-800-999-6476](tel:1-800-999-6476) before April 15 and they will be happy to send you a Large Print Haggadah, completely free of charge. Enjoy the Seder!

#### **HISTORY OF THE SHANGHAI GHETTO**

Come on Sunday March 27, at 4PM to Young Israel of Aberdeen, 479 Lloyd Rd, Aberdeen. Join us to watch the Shanghai Ghetto documentary of Jewish refugees fleeing Nazi Germany. Hear speaker Henry Meisel's personal account of life in Shanghai. Enjoy a sumptuous buffet dinner from Kosher Chinese Express in Manalapan. \$15 if you RSVP by March 13 to Eleanor at [732-566-1928](tel:732-566-1928) or [eedelstein404@gmail.com](mailto:eedelstein404@gmail.com), or \$20 at the door.

#### **RABBI WEISS' SHIUR**

Rabbi Yisroel Weiss' shiur for men and women on the Parsha, with a focus on Emunah and Bitachon, *will be on hold until further notice.*

#### **FOR WOMEN**

-Interactive lecture for women only: "The Purim Story- Clarifying our mission" to be held on Tues, March 15th 7PM-8PM at Etz Haim. Lecture will explore what Esther and Mordechai have to teach us about enhancing our own inner strength, courage and clarifying our unique mission and purpose in life. Through role play, guided visualization and active experiential learning, you will interact directly with our heroes to develop an emotional connection with them. As we explore their deepest struggles and greatest triumphs, you will begin to learn and understand from their lives how to empower your own Presenter, Sheri Degani, MA, LPC, TEP. Sheri has a BA in Jewish Philosophy, and Educational Psychology, MA in counseling and a teachers degree from Hebrew University, Jerusalem. She is a Licensed professional counselor and trainer - practitioner in the art of psychodrama.

-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).

-Tiferes DVD for women: Motzai Shabbos, March 12 at 9:15 PM at the Siegel house. Weekly teleconferences with topics such as shalom bayis and parenting are also available to Tiferes members. Current teleconference: "How Old are You?" Speaker: Mrs. Mindy Blumenfeld. For more info or to become a member, please contact

Aviva [sieglmom@optonline.net](mailto:sieglmom@optonline.net). The Highland Park / Edison group of Tiferes is zecher l'nishmas Malka bas Shalom.

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

-Mrs. Leah Drillman's Shimiras Haloshon class: Monday, March 14 at 7:30 PM at the home of Ellen Smith, 407 North Eighth Ave., Edison. For more info, please call Ellen at [201-410-1893](tel:201-410-1893) or [732-777-6787](tel:732-777-6787).

-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).

-Rebbitzen Eichenstein's classes for women: Tefillah class on Sunday, March 13 at 10AM at the Aguda shule; Parsha class on Monday, March 14 at 8PM at Cong. Ohr Torah. For more info, please contact Aviva at [732-572-4408](tel:732-572-4408) or [sieglmom@optonline.net](mailto:sieglmom@optonline.net)

-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, continues to meet Mondays 1PM at AA. All women are invited. Questions? [cynthiaandlloyd@yahoo.com](mailto:cynthiaandlloyd@yahoo.com)

-Women's beginning Israeli Dancing: held at Etz Ahaim every Sunday at 11AM. All women and girls are invited to join us for ruach, fun, and aerobic exercise. Dance costs \$10/per session, (Rutgers students 1/2 price \$5) made out to Daughters of Etz Ahaim. Please RSVP to Rachel at [732-819-9298](tel:732-819-9298) or [rachel@weintraubworld.net](mailto:rachel@weintraubworld.net). *Dance group is co-sponsored by Raritan Valley Hadassah and Daughters of Etz Ahaim.*

#### **HIGHLAND PARK MIKVAH HOURS**

The Highland Park Mikvah hours for Daylight Savings Time: Sun-Thur evenings 9PM – 11PM; Friday nights by appt only. Motzai Shabbos March 12: 8:15 – 10:45 PM; March 19, 26: 9PM– 11PM; March 23 (Megillas Esther): 9:15 – 10:45 PM; March 24 (Purim): 9PM – 10:30PM. Please arrive with enough time to be out before closing time. ***In case of inclement weather, call the mikvah at [732-249-2411](tel:732-249-2411) or see [www.parkmikvah.org](http://www.parkmikvah.org) for updated status.*** For more info, call [732-249-2411](tel:732-249-2411) or email [hpmikvah@gmail.com](mailto:hpmikvah@gmail.com).

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**KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP:** To sponsor a Kiddush or reserve the Kiddush room, please contact Mel Barenholtz by email: [mbarenh@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:siegeldad@optonline.net).

**HOUSEKEEPING:** For housekeeping issues and inquiries contact Lou Smith at [ludeeju@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:reenagreenspan@yahoo.com) or Gene Wasserman 732-397-0130 or [genew@compugene.com](mailto:genew@compugene.com)

**YAHRZEIT DATABASE:** To register a family member in the Yahrzeit data base, please go to [ohrtorah.net](http://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 Vayikra**

Candlelighting:	6:50PM
Mincha:	7:00PM

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