



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

<http://www.ohrtorah.net>

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Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi

Jeff Klein- President

Parshas Vayikra-Zachor

9 Adar II 5776

March 19, 2016

Candlelighting: 6:50PM
Mincha: 7:00 PM
Shacharis: 7:45, 9 & 9:15 AM
Rabbi Hoffman's Halacha B'iyun shiur after Hashkama
Sof Z'man Krias Shma (GR"A): 10:03AM
Rabbi Luban's Taanis Shiur – 5:55PM
Mincha: 1:45 & 6:45 PM
 Shalosh Seudos Speaker : Rabbi Nussbaum
Maariv: 7:55 PM

Weekday Shacharis:
Sun. 7:15, 8 & 9 AM
Mon., 6:20, 7:05, & 8 AM
Tue, Fri. 6:30, 7:10 & 8 AM
Wed., Thu. SEE SCHEDULE
Weekday Mincha/ Maariv: 6:55 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: cancelled for Purim

Daf Yomi
 Friday-after first Kabbolas Shabbos
 Shabbos one hour before mincha
 Sunday -after 8 am Shacharis
 Monday-Thursday -after zman Maariv

KIDDUSH

Kiddush this week is sponsored by Shelly and Aryeh Zinkin in honor of the successful outcome of the Assistant Rabbi Search. We are pleased to announce that Rabbi Sarel Malitzky will be our Assistant Rabbi. We particularly want to thank and honor the members of the committee who worked so hard and for so long to bring this to fruition. Rabbi Luban, Russell Adler, Jeff Klein, Payam Hanian, Srulee Hercman, Arnie Lustiger, Riki Kreitman, Zippy Rapps, Rebecca Rivkin, Debbie Schneider, Penina Shmuel, Larry Tiefenbrunn, Barry Wolf. Kiddush sponsorship is available for March 26th & April 9th and May 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos is sponsored by Rebecca and Israel Rivkin in memory of Rebecca's parents, Rabbi and Rebbitzin Yaakov and Yehudis Bulka, Harav Chaim Yaakov ben Yitzchak, Yehudis bas Reuven Pinchas.

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 Chaya Gurkov on the engagement of her granddaughter Shira Newman to Avi Hirsch, both of Lakewood. Mazel Tov to Shira's parents, Rabbi Dovid and Faigie Newman.

NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome new members:
 -David and Hannah Sidney

TAANIS ESTHER/ PURIM SCHEDULE

Taanis Esther	Weds. March 23
Fast Begins:	5:43 AM
Shacharis:	6:10, 6:50 & 8 AM
Mincha:	6:35 PM
Purim Night:	
Maariv:	7:50 PM
Megillah:	8:05 PM
Late Megillah Reading	10:00 PM
Purim Day	Thurs March 24
Shacharis:	6:00 AM Main Sanctuary
	6:45 AM Social Hall
	8:00 AM Main Sanctuary
Late Megillah Reading:	10 AM Main Sanctuary
Mincha:	1:35 & 6:55 PM
Maariv:	10:10 PM

PURIM BREAK THE FAST

The Ohr Torah Sisterhood is excited to invite the Shul to a delicious and festive break-fast after Megillah on Wed. night. Mishloach Manot will be distributed at the shul on Thursday morning from 9am to 12pm. Please make every effort to pick up your baskets during this time. Baskets not picked up by noon will be left in the office and baskets not picked up by Sunday will be donated to Tzedakkah.

SHUL POLICY-PURIM

Please make sure that no one does anything which will destroy or damage Shul property, including our pews and carpeting. No explosive devices whatsoever will be permitted in Shul. We would greatly appreciate everyone's cooperation in this matter.

OHR TORAH ANNUAL DINNER DEADLINE APPROACHING

The Ohr Torah Annual Dinner is just over one week away! Please join us on March 27, 5:30pm at the Chabad House in New Brunswick, as we honor Sheila & Henry Schanzer and Bracha & Ami Avraham. In order to place an ad in the dinner journal, your ad and payment in full must be received no later than 1pm on Sunday, March 20. If you have already submitted your reservation but not yet paid, reservations are not final until payment is received. Go

to www.ohrtorah.net/dinner to reserve, place your ad and pay. We look forward to seeing everyone at this wonderful event!

SECURITY TRAINING SESSION #3

Security training session #3 will take place Sunday morning March 27 in OT from 8-11 AM. Coffee etc will be provided. There will be an abbreviated review of session #2 for those that couldn't attend, the time and place to be announced as well as for session #4.

ENHANCING OUR TEFILLA EXPERIENCE

Seize the great opportunity to enhance your Tefillah experience by doing your very best to fulfill the following OT Bli Neder Commitment in memory of Joel Adler, a"h:

- 1) I will use my time in shul, from the beginning to the end of davening, to pray to Hashem as best as I can and will treat Hashem's house with the dignity, honor and respect it requires and deserves.
- 2) I will do my very best not to talk at all, except to Hashem -- and just as importantly, not to listen to someone talking to me -- from the time davening starts until it ends. If someone attempts to engage me in conversation during davening, I will politely indicate that I prefer to converse after the davening has ended.
- 3) If I need to talk, I will leave the shul in order to maintain the holiness and sanctity of the Tefillah and to ensure that I do not disturb anyone else in shul.
- 4) I will do my very best to set the right example for the children in shul on how to conduct oneself in Hashem's house.

If you have not yet officially joined this life-changing initiative, enter your name at the bottom of <http://www.ohrtorah.net/> or sign the Bli Neder form outside the sanctuary rear doors.

YOUTH EVENTS

-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. Please include

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.

names and phone numbers for all attendees. In addition, checks can be dropped off at home of Mayer Berg @ 15 Edgemount Rd in Edison or in the Shul mailbox @ 48 Edgemount Rd in Edison, NJ (please note on the check the specific OT youth event that you are paying for).

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
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.

PRE-PESACH BOUTIQUE

Featuring:

Afikoman Gifts and Kitchen Gadgets
Anita's Tablecloths
Debbie Sabo - Make-up Artist
Hedy's Hat Rack
Incredible Creations
Ladies Sterling Jewelry by Esti
Lilybelle for Under and Over
TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 2016
20 CELLER ROAD
EDISON, NEW JERSEY 08817
7PM - 10PM
Sponsored by: Ohr Torah Sisterhood and Yeshiva Shaarei Tzion

DEDICATION ITEMS TO OHR TORAH

Ohr Torah thanks all the families who have donated many wonderful and beautiful items over more than 2 decades. Please remember that ALL items for dedication need to be discussed with the decorating committee headed by Leslie Ney, no matter how large or small. In addition, all dedication items are given along with a donation that is set before the item is acquired or commissioned. This Ohr Torah policy has permitted us to build, expand, and maintain our wonderful Shul. Thank you for your cooperation.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 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 Neer Even-Hen, Yosef Schreiber or Barry Wolf.

JEWISH ART

Dorene Schwartz-Weitz's latest piece, "Tzitzit", 'ציצית', part of the Mitzvah Kotel project, mitzvahkotel.org, is on exhibit at The Brooklyn Jewish Art Gallery of Congregation Kol Israel, 603 St. Johns Place in Brooklyn, until June 26, 2016.

The exhibit is being presented by the Jewish Art Salon, "Passover & the Consequences of Freedom". Lots of Torah inspired professional works in a wonderful historic relic.

YESHIVAS MORDECHAI HATZADIK IS BACK!

Yeshivas Mordechai Hatzadik is back! Once again come join more than 60,000 fathers and sons worldwide for an hour of learning Torah together on Purim. The program will take place on Purim afternoon at Agudah from 12:45 - 1:45 followed by Mincha. All boys that attend will receive a FREE doorprize plus entry into a raffle with a chance to win some great prizes including a new bike and an electric scooter! Don't miss this once a year opportunity!

Yeshivas Mordechai Hatzadik is an independent organization and is not affiliated with any particular Shul or school. All of Klal Yisroel are welcome to attend.

For more info contact [\(732\)985-4603](tel:7329854603).

ENRV

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.

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:7325727181).

- 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:7326724673) or email 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:7325727181) or fill out the volunteer form on the website bikurcholimrv.com

- NEW WEBSITE: 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 or by calling [732-819-9738](tel:7328199738). 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:7329832581), Tiki Nussbaum at tiki613@gmail.com, or Rachel Leora Rosen [732-801-7813](tel:7328017813).

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 Josefowitz at [732.572.9432](tel:7325729432), Shoshana Diskind at [732.572.7755](tel:7325727755), Lani Eisner at [732.572.1087](tel:7325721087) or Janice Lustiger at [732.819.4919](tel:7328194919) or e-mail your request to 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:18009996476) 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 20 to Eleanor at [732-566-1928](tel:7325661928) or 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

-Rebbitzen Eichenstein's classes for women: No classes on Sunday, March 20 and Monday, March 21. For more info, please contact Aviva at [732-572-4408](tel:7325724408) or siegelmom@optonline.net
-Clothing giveaway: April 10th:10am - 2pm. Annual AY clothing giveaway. Come get new to you clothing in excellent condition. All clothing is free. Donations are accepted. For more information or if you would like to donate clothing in excellent condition, please contact Ida Scheiner [917-439-6163](tel:9174396163) (imscheiner@aol.com) or Rivka Jaffe [732-762-0490](tel:7327620490).

-Woman's Parsha discussion: Steinsaltz Ambassador, Betzalel Strauss, will be conducting discussion based on the essays of Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz, every Monday at 1:00PM in the Ahavas Achim Beit Midrash. All interested women are invited. Contact Cynthia at cynthiaandlloyd@yahoo.com with any questions.
-The Highland Park Mikvah now has Tzedakah boxes! Please contact Aviva at siegelmom@optonline.net to obtain one.

-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:7322495116). Thank you.
-Tiferes women: Weekly teleconferences with topics such as shalom bayis and parenting are

available to Tiferes members. Current teleconference: "Beyond Giving – 3 Pillars of a Happy Marriage" with Mrs. Debbie Greenblatt. For more info or to become a member, please contact Aviva sieglmom@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 and SemPlus: no classes week of March 20.

-Women's Learning Initiative: Mrs. Leah Drillman's Shimiras Haloshon class: Monday, March 21 at 7:30 PM at the home of Ellen Smith, 407 North Eighth Ave., Edison. This will be the last class until after Pesach. For more info, please call Ellen at 201-410-1893 or 732-777-6787.

-Women's beginning Israeli Dancing: held at Etz Ahaim every Sunday at 11:00 AM. 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 or 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 now has Tzedakah boxes! Please contact Aviva at sieglmom@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: 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 or see www.parkmikvah.org for updated status.*** For 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.

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 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 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 Tzav

Candlelighting:	6:57PM
Mincha:	7:05PM

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Sof Davar

Moinester Printing Company

by Moshe Sherman

With the growing number of rabbis and talmud scholars in America, during the early 1900s, several Judaic publishing houses were formed to print the sermons, halachic opinions, treatises and commentaries of these scholars. Among the most prominent of these companies was the Moinester Printing Company in St. Louis. Moinester Printing was established in 1911, by Benjamin Moinester, who had come from Europe and settled in St. Louis, three years earlier. Initially, the company focused on printing envelopes and business forms, but soon ventured into the far more risky business of publishing rabbinic material. By the 1920s, they were one of the most important publishers of Hebrew and Yiddish books in America.

The stock market crash of 1929 left the Moinester Printing Company bankrupt. The remains of the company were sold in 1931, and Benjamin Moinester moved with his family to Brooklyn in 1932. Undeterred by the collapse of his St. Louis company, a new entity was formed in Brooklyn, with a slight name change, Moinester Press. Following the death of Benjamin Moinester, the company was operated by extended members of the Moinester family, and through the 1940s, Moinester Press was one of the most important publishing houses of rabbinic material in America.

For a complete list of all seforim published by Moinester Printing Co. and later Moinester Press, please feel free to approach me.