



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Shemini Parshas Parah

23 Adar II 5776

April 2, 2016

Candlelighting:	7:04PM
Mincha:	7:10 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):	9:50AM
<i>Rabbi Luban's Taanis Shiur – 6:10PM</i>	
Mincha:	1:45 & 7:00PM
<i>Shalosh Seudos Speaker : R. Chaim Lobel</i>	
Maariv:	8:10 PM
Weekday Shacharis:	
Sun.	7:15, 8 & 9 AM
Mon., & Thurs.	6:20, 7:05, & 8 AM
Tue, Wed., & Fri.	6:30, 7:10 & 8 AM
Weekday Mincha/ Maariv:	7:10 PM
Late Maariv:	10:10 PM
<i>Rabbi Akiva Sauer Daf Yomi Iyun shiur – after 7:15 Shacharis on Sunday</i>	
<i>R. Luban's Sheilos Uteshuvos Shiur- Mon. 9:10 PM</i>	
<i>Tuesday Night Tehillim – 9:50- 10:10 PM</i>	
<i>Kollel Learning: 8-10:10 PM</i>	
Daf Yomi	
<i>Friday-after first Kabbolas Shabbos</i>	
<i>Shabbos one hour before mincha</i>	
<i>Sunday -after 8 am Shacharis</i>	
<i>Monday-Thursday -after zman Maariv</i>	

RABBI LUBAN'S PESACH SHIUR FOR WOMEN

Rabbi Luban's annual shiur will take place Weds. April 6 at 8 PM in the Beis Medrash **MECHIRAS CHOMETZ**

Rabbi Luban will be available for mechiras chometz after the 7:15, 8 & 9 AM Sunday minyanim until Pesach.

MAZEL TOV

... to Donny Epstein on his forthcoming marriage to Sigal Neustein. Mazel Tov to Donny's parents, Hon. Mark and Mira Epstein, and to Sigal's parents, Dr. Paul Neustein and Randi Feinberg and to Sigal's grandparents, Dr. Charles Neustein and Mrs. Betty Feinberg, and to the extended Epstein, Smith, Neustein and Feinberg families.

... to Chaya and Dani Davis on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Binyamin this weekend. Mazel Tov as well to his grandparents, Rabbi Edward & Meira Davis and Rabbi Michael & Elaine Strasberg, his great grandparents, David & Lottie Tanzman and his brothers, Moshe, Avrumi, Kivi & Shmuli.

... to Rozzie & Jeff Slepoy on the birth of Eliyahu Hersh, to their children Chaviva and Yossi Rotenberg, Mazel Tov to the Aunt and Uncle's; Ari, Tova, Moshe, Sruly and great Aunt & Uncle Marc & Lynn Hanfling.

... to Dalya and Harry Chefitz on the engagement of their daughter Leora to Ezra Spero, son of Judy and Mitchell Spero of Cleveland. Mazel Tov to siblings Ezra and Nava, and to grandparents Mel & Bernice Chefitz and Curt & Erika Leviant. ... to Sheila and Morty Dear on the engagement of their grandson Adam Baruch to Rebecca Lavine of Baltimore. Mazel Tov to Adam's parents Cindy and Mitch Baruch and to his brother Mark and to the entire family.

REFUAH SHELEMA LEARNING INITIATIVE

As a zechus for a refuah shelema for the cholim in our community, an initiative has been put together for members of the Congregation to learn a lesson a day from the sefer Chofetz Chaim: Loving Kindness. The concept is that all members of the Congregation should be learning the same lesson each day. Copies of the sefer have been placed in the back of the shul to take for all those who are interested in learning. The learning schedule will begin this Sunday, April 3 and will continue each day until the sefer is complete. A special thank you to the following members who sponsored the seforim:

Arthur & Debby Atlas, Elie & Iris Borger, Aliza & Zephyr Chomsky, Teddy & Shoshana Diskind, Ephraim & Gila Gerszberg, Seymour & Rona Kessel, David & Fay Moskovic, Josh & Zippy Rapps, Barry & Lisa Schanzer, Greg & Sari Sholom, Sheldon & Drora Waltuch, Moshe & Susan Wiesel

If you have any questions, please see Michie Klerer. May our learning this sefer together as a kehila be a zechus for a refuah shelema for our beloved community members

ENHANCING OUR TEFILLA EXPERIENCE

In preparation for Pesach, internalize "V'Taher Libeinu l'Avdecha b'Emes", "and purify our hearts to serve You in truth" and have extra kavanah when saying this in each Shabbos and Yom Tov Shmoneh Esrei.

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 longstanding Ohr Torah policy has permitted us to build, expand, and maintain our wonderful Shul. Thank you for your cooperation.

CONDOLENCE

We regret to inform you of the passing of Mrs. Florence Bogner, the mother of Billy Bogner. Shiva will be observed at the Bogner home 481 Harrison Ave, Highland Park. Minyanim. Shacharit 8 am, Mincha/Maariv 7:10 pm. Shiva visitation: Sat 9pm-11pm Sun & Mon 9am-11am & 6pm-8pm Tues 6pm-8pm. Shiva ends Wednesday after Shacharit.

May the family be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

SEFER DONATIONS

Thanks to the following for their generous Seforim donations:

- Edward & Sharon Lowinger in memory of Heshy Gottlieb's sister Chani Deleon Z"l
- Moshe & Susan Wiesel in memory of Heshy Gottlieb's sister Chani Deleon Z"l
- Moshe & Susan Wiesel in memory of Payam Hanian's mother Victoria Kheirbakhsh Z"l

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

KIDDUSH

Kiddush is being sponsored by Mira and Mark Epstein to celebrate Donny's Aufruf. Kiddush sponsorship is available for May 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos is sponsored by Barbara and Jerry Belsh.

RABBI DANZGER'S SHIUR

Rabbi Yoni Danzger will be giving a shiur after the Hashkama minyan (~9:35 – 10:15) entitled "Do I Need To Honor My Brother".

BNEI AKIVA

Bnei Akiva in OT is on this week at a new time 5:45 - 7:00 shabbat afternoon for all 3rd to 9th graders. We are going to have a great time with new activities. Please come and enjoy shabbat with your amazing Madrichim and friends. See you then.

YOUTH RAFFLE

Congratulations to the Rivka Adler (1), Peckman (2) and Teitlebaum (3) families on winning the Ohr Torah Youth Raffle prizes. Thanks to the Raffle ticket sellers, Jason Jurkevich, Barry Siegel, Charles Gershbaum, and Mayer Berg. Thanks again to our ever helpful Brian Allen for handling the Shul billing. The grand winner is the Ohr Torah youth programs chaired by Mayer Berg and Ami Avraham & the youth committee who run a wonderful & meaningful youth program every week.

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.

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 - \$175, Students - \$125 (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.

KHAL CHASSIDIM GUEST SPEAKER

Khal Chassidim is pleased to announce that Rav Shmuel Zucker שליט"א will speak in our Beis Medrash Wednesday, April 6th at 8:30pm (Maariv at approximately 9:30). There is no charge to attend. Open to men and women. Rav Zucker currently resides in the holy city of Yerushalayim where his home and Shabbos table constantly attract individuals who are seeking greater spirituality. He can frequently be found giving Shiurim and working with students at Yeshivas Ohr Yerushalayim and Mevaseret Tzion where he is a Maggid Shiur and Rebbi. Rav Zucker's students range from those who have never learned a single blatt of Gemara to Talmidei Chachamim. For more information and to hear a sample of his Shiurim please visit www.ravzucker.com

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 ACTT info, email info@actt613.org, see www.actt613.org, or call Phil Rosen (732) 572-8762.

PTIL TEKHELET

Please join Ptil Tekhelet and the Young Israel of Woodmere, NY in a Yom Iyun marking 25 years to the renewal of Tekhelet, the mitzvah of the blue string on our tzitzit and talitot. The event will take place Sunday May 22 from 9AM to 1:30PM at the Young Israel of Woodmere, 859 Peninsula Blvd, Woodmere, NY. Speakers include Rabbi Heshy Billet, Rabbi Dr. Meir Soloveichik, Rabbi Dr. Tzvi Hersh Weinreb, Rabbi Hershel Schachter, and founders of Ptil Tekhelet Drs. Ari Greenspan and Baruch Serman, and others. Breakfast and light refreshments will be served. For info contact Joel Guberman at joel@tekhelet.com.

JEWISH ART

Dorene Schwartz-Weitz's latest piece, "Tzitzit", לציצית, part of the Mitzvah Kotel Project, mitzvahkotel.org, Youtube Mitzvah Kotel Project, <https://youtu.be/wI7sedTcXzM>, is on exhibit at The Brooklyn Jewish Art Gallery of Cong Kol Israel, 603 St. Johns Place Brooklyn, until June 26, 2016. The exhibit is being presented by the Jewish Art Salon. Lots of Torah inspired professional works in a wonderful historic relic. Dorene will also be on the Panel Discussion between Curator Richard McBee and the New York area artists, April 10 at 7pm. The panel will address the theme of the show - "Passover and the Consequences of Freedom" - and how the artists relate to that theme and to address the idea of making Jewish art and how that influences artistic practice.

ENRV

Employment Network of Raritan Valley
Looking for work? We can help. Go to www.ENRV.org or contact Bob Lansley 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: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

- **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

- **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.

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!

YOUTH ROOTS FUNDRAISER IN HIGHLAND PARK

The Boro of Highland Park is hosting a fundraising event for Project YouthROOTS, a mentorship camp for high school students. Last year we were able to send 5 students, who would not otherwise be able to attend. The event is on Thursday, April 7, 6-8pm at The Bridge, 315 Raritan Avenue, Highland Park. Entertainment and Sale of items from our unique local shops. Admission is \$25. If you would like to donate to Project YouthROOTS, checks can be made out to "HP Boro" with "YouthROOTS" in the memo, and send to Boro Hall, 221 South Fifth Ave, Highland Park, NJ 08904. For more information contact Stacy Kaplan at skaplan@hpboro.com or 732-819-3781.

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

-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:917-439-6163) (imscheiner@aol.com) or Rivka Jaffe [732-762-0490](tel:732-762-0490).

- Rebbitzin Eichenstein's classes for women: No class Sunday, April 3; Parsha class Monday, April 4 at 8PM at Cong. Ohr Torah. For more info, please contact Aviva at [732-572-4408](tel:732-572-4408) or siegelmom@optonline.net

- Mrs. Leah Drillman's Shimiras Haloshon class will resume after Pesach. For more info, please 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. Please call the hotline to confirm at [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).

-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 cynthiaandloyd@yahoo.com with any questions.

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

-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.

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-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 rauch, 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. *Dance group is co-sponsored by Raritan Valley Hadassah and Daughters of Etz Ahaim.*

-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 the sale goes towards a hachnasas kallah fund which helps needy brides in Eretz Yisrael. Sheitels can be dropped off to Aviva, 16 Edgemount Rd, Edison. For more info, please contact Aviva Siegel [\(732\) 572-4408siegelmom@optonline.net](mailto:(732)572-4408siegelmom@optonline.net)

HIGHLAND PARK MIKVAH HOURS

-Highland Park Mikvah now has Tzedakah boxes! Contact Aviva at siegelmom@optonline.net

-If purchasing from Amazon, please consider signing up with www.amazonsmiles.com - a donation will be made to Park Mikvah.

-The Highland Park Mikvah hours: Sunday-Thursday evenings 9PM - 11PM; Friday nights by appt only. Motzai Shabbos April 2, 9: 9:15 - 11:15 PM. April 16: 9:30 - 11:30. April 22, 23, 28, 29: by appt only. April 24: 9:30 - 11:30. April 30: 9:45 - 11:30. Please arrive with enough time to be out before closing time. *In case of inclement*

weather, please call the mikvah at 732-249-2411 or see www.parkmikvah.org for updated status. For more info, call 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 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, 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 Tazria – Rosh Chodesh

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Announcements should be sent to announcements@ohrtorah.net. Please submit all announcements by 7 PM Wed. Please make sure that you leave a contact/callback name and phone number.