



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi

Jeff Klein- President

Parshas Tazria/Hachodesh

1 Nisan 5776

April 9, 2016

Candlelighting:	7:12PM
Mincha:	7:20 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 – 6:15PM</i>	
Mincha:	1:45 & 7:05PM
Shalosh Seudos Speaker: R. Josh Rapps	
Maariv:	8:15 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:	7:20 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 Tuesday Night Tehillim – 9:50- 10:10 PM Wed. Kollel Learning: 8-10:10 PM</i>	
Daf Yomi	
Friday-after first Kabbolas Shabbos	
Shabbos one hour before mincha	
Sunday -after 8 am Shacharis	
Monday-Thursday -after zman Maariv	

KIDDUSH

Kiddush is being co-sponsored by:
 -Devora and Effy Zinkin in honor of all those that completed the learning of the Chofetz Chaim Sefer *B'zchut a Refuah Shelaima* for Aryeh Leib Dovid ben Malka and all the *Cholim* in the community.
 -Ricki and Moshe Nat to commemorate the Yahrzeit of Ricki's father Shmuel Dovid ben Moshe Halevi.
 - Bracha & Ami Avraham and Sheila & Henry Schanzer as a thank you for the amazing turnout for the shul dinner.
 Kiddush sponsorship is available for May 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th.

YFM KIDDUSH

Kiddush this week in YFM is sponsored by Michael Atkin *Lezecher Nishmat* his father, Tzvi Ben Yitzchak.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos is co-sponsored by:
 - Penny and Michael Kaplan in honor of the Yahrzeit of Michael's father Baruch Leib ben Yaakov Yissachar.
 -Audrey and Daniel Mondrow to commemorate the first Yahrzeit of Danny's sister, Marian Mondrow, Malka Beila bas Alter Michael, A"H. 4 Nisan
 -Susan and Morris Wiesel in memory of Susan's sister Judy Lefkovits, Sorah Basha Bas Yitzchak, A"H.

MECHIRAS CHOMETZ

Rabbi Luban will be available for Mechiras Chometz after the 7:15, 8 & 9 AM Sunday Minyanim until Pesach.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

There will be a membership meeting on Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at 8pm. Agenda is as follows:

1. President's Report
2. Security Report
3. Approval of 2016 Budget

MAZEL TOV

... to Chavi and Gavi Berkovits on the birth of their daughter Ayala Rahel Chayah. Mazel Tov to the big brothers Etai and Natan, and to the proud grandparents Fran and Shmully Leitman.

...to Dr. Aryeh Zinkin on the forthcoming publication of his article in the RJJ Journal of Halacha and Contemporary Society. The RJJ Journal is a highly prestigious periodical that investigates and studies contemporary issues facing the Jewish community through the prism of Torah values. The article is a translation and expansion of a Hebrew essay written by Rabbi Luban, which explores the observance of Yom Tov Sheini for Americans who are visiting Israel. The shul applauds Dr. Zinkin for this major achievement.

NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome new members:
 -Reuben and Racheli Atlas

ENHANCING OUR TEFILLA EXPERIENCE

In preparation for Pesach, internalize *V'Tahev 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.

THE RETIREE LUNCH AND LEARN

Presents: The Lost Jews of Kaifeng, China. Hear the fascinating history of Jewish life in Kaifeng, China. Beginning during the Northern Sung Dynasty (960-1127) when the Jews of Persia and India traveled the Silk Road to Kaifeng, the community thrived for many years but eventually died out in 1860. Shi Lei, the lecturer, is a descendent from one of the original Jewish families in Kaifeng, China. He is a graduate of Henan University in China.
 Henry Lerner will introduce the film and present follow up comments. The Retiree D'var Torah will be presented by Dr. Michael Wasserman.

In keeping with this month's theme Jerusalem Pizza will cater a Chinese type luncheon.

The program is open to all retirees in the community and will offer a wonderful opportunity to socialize with each other in a meaningful way.

There will be a charge of \$10 per person to help defray the cost of the meal.

Date: Tuesday, May 17, 2016

Time: 12:00 noon

Location: Congregation Ohr Torah, 48 Edgemount Rd, Edison, NJ

RSVP Please reply at least 2 days prior to the program. Bella blerner18@optonline.net 732 317-1786, Mildred 732 572-1712, or Marcia ppheffer@verizon.net 732 572-5998

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.

100 SHULS PROJECT

OT is participating in "The 100 Shuls Project" THIS SHABBAT along with over 100 other Shuls in the U.S., Israel, Canada and Australia. Give infertility a voice.

LOST AND FOUND

Someone accidentally took my women's black raincoat from the shul coat room last Shabbos and left theirs. Please check to make sure you have the correct one. Thank you, Debbie Schneider.

SEFORIM DONATIONS

Thanks to the following for their generous Seforim donations:

- Phil & Marcia Rosen in honor of the Gottlieb Family
- Michael & Penny Kaplan in memory of Heshy Gottlieb's sister Chani Deleon Z"L
- Michael & Penny Kaplan in memory of Billy Bogner's mother Florence Bogner Z"L
- Joseph & Cheryl Strauch in memory of Heshy Gottlieb's sister Chani Deleon Z"L
- Joseph & Cheryl Strauch in memory of Billy Bogner's mother Florence Bogner Z"L
- David & Fay Moskovic in memory of Heshy Gottlieb's sister Chani Deleon Z"L

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.

-David & Fay Moskovic in memory of Billy Bogner's mother Florence Bogner 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 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.

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.

SHIDDUCH MEETING

Rosh Chodesh Nissan Shidduch Meeting. Tuesday night April 12, at 8PM in the Ravitz home. Check Facebook for more info. <https://www.facebook.com/events/1712522432460>

MATZAH BAKING

"Matzah baking - the real deal! Steinsaltz Ambassador, Betzalel Strauss, is inviting you to join an authentic Matzah baking experience on Sunday, April 10, 11 eardely rd, Edison. The baking is mainly for adults! Rsvp: betzdov@gmail.com."

RPY ANNUAL DINNER

Save the date! RPRY's Annual Dinner will be held on Sunday, May 22nd. Please join us in celebrating our Guests of Honor - Susan and Hillel Raymon, our Community Leadership Awardees - Melissa and Leeor Jerushalmy and Distinguished Alumna Awardee - Ariella Noveck, as well as the RPRY Class of 1986. Stay tuned for reservation and ad journal details.

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: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

PLEASE HELP KEEP THE SHUL NEAT...PLEASE RETURN SIDDURIM & CHUMASHIM TO THE REAR OF THE SANCTUARY AFTER DAVENING.

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!

CLOTHING GIVEAWAY

This Sunday there will be a community wide clothing giveaway from 10-2 at AY. There are brand new designer (Brooks Bros.) men's suits and dress shirts, as well as clothing for women and children, free for the taking. If you know of any families that could benefit from new outfits for yom tov, please let them know about this special event.

OHAV EMETH

-Join the Ohav Emeth Youth Department on a trip to the Franklin Institute on Sunday, April 17th (the Sunday before Pesach). Children 4 years-6th grade are invited. The bus will be leaving from OE at 9:00 am and returning at 3:30 pm. \$35 per child. Please bring a bagged lunch. Snacks will be provided. RSVP required: oechildren@gmail.com
-Video presentation at OE on April 10, 8:15 PM, by Mrs. Gail Sasoon titled "Turning Tears into Triumph". For additional information contact Reena Teitelbaum at 347-552-6948 .

AAU PRESENTS RABBI MENACHEM LIEBTAG

Ahavas Achenim University proudly presents a pre-Pesach shiur from renowned Tanach master Rabbi Menachem Liebttag this Sunday, April 10, 8:00 p.m. in the Beit Midrash. Rabbi Liebttag's topic will be "Tehillim 105: The Earliest "Parshan," Siddur, and Haggadah." Please join us on that Nissan evening to begin your Pesach preparations by exploring texts of Tanach through the eyes of one of our generation's most influential educators.

AHAVAS YISROEL

Dr. David Luchins is coming to Cong Ahavas Yisrael as a Special Scholar-In-Residence for Shabbat HaGadol April 15-16.

Dr. Luchins will be speaking three times over the course of the weekend. At a Friday night Oneg following dinner in Shul (9:00 PM), he will be speaking on the topic "Elections 2016: What's Good for the Jews?" Note the special 6:00 PM Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat to accommodate the Oneg. Dr. Luchins will deliver the Shabbat morning drasha on "The Future of Modern Orthodoxy" and then again Shabbat afternoon after Mincha on "When Public Policy and Halacha Clash."

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: Classes will resume after Pesach. For more info, please contact Aviva at [732-572-4408](tel:732-572-4408) or siegelmom@optonline.net
-Clothing giveaway: April 10 from 10 am - 2 pm. 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).

-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.

-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.

-Tiferes women: Weekly teleconferences with topics such as shalom bayis and parenting are available to Tiferes members. Current teleconference: "Pre-Pesach - Finding Geulah Within" with Mrs. Chani Juravel. 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.

-Women's Learning Initiative: Mrs. Miri Cohen's Parsha class and SemPlus shiur will resume after Pesach.

-Women's Learning Initiative: 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).

-Women's beginning Israeli Dancing will resume after Lag B'Omer on Sunday, May 29. For more information, please contact Rachel at [732-819-9298](tel:732-819-9298) or rachel@weintraubworld.net.

-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 information and/or to schedule an appointment please call Sara Scott at 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 Road, Edison. For more info, please see contact Aviva Siegel ([732-572-4408](tel:732-572-4408)) siegelmom@optonline.net

-The Ahavas Yisroel Women's Learning Program continues next Shabbos, April 9 at 4:30 PM at the home of Rabbi and Mrs. Rivka Jaffe 16 Price Drive Edison. Our speaker will be Yifat Schnur, Esquire speaking on the topic, "Women's Avodah: Communication and Intuition in Parshat Tazria" All women and girls high school age and older are invited to attend.

PARK MIKVAH HOURS

-The Highland Park Mikvah now has Tzedakah boxes! Please contact Aviva at siegelmom@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: Sunday–Thursday evenings 9:00 PM – 11:00 PM; Friday nights by appointment only.
 Motzai Shabbos April 2, 9: 9:15 – 11:15 PM. April 16: 9:30 – 11:30. April 22, 23, 28, 29: by appointment 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 a snow storm / inclement weather, please call the mikvah at 732-249-2411 or see www.parkmikvah.org for an updated status.* For more info, call [732-249-2411](tel:732-249-2411) or email hpmikvah@gmail.com. Thank you. Park Mikvah

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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

Parshas Metzora/Hagadol

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