



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Parshas Vayeshev

24 Kislev 5777

December 24, 2016

Candlelighting: 4:17PM
Mincha: 4:25 PM
Shacharis: 7:45, 9:00 & 9:15 AM
Rabbi Hoffman's Halacha B'iyun Shiur after Hashkama
Sof Z'man Krias Shma (GR"A): 9:38AM
Rabbi Luban's Taanis Shiur – 3:20 PM
Rabbi Malitzky's Mishnayos Shiur for 6-8 grade boys – 3:40 PM
Mincha: 1:45 & 4:10PM
 Shalosh Seudos speaker: Robert Kreitman
Maariv: 5:20 PM
Shabbos Ends: 5:26 PM
Weekday Shacharis
Sun 7:15, 8 & 9AM
Mon. (Chanukah) 6:15, 7:00, 8 & 9AM
Tues - Thurs (Chanukah) 6:15, 7:00 & 8AM
Fri. (Rosh Chodesh & Chanukah) 6:10, 6:50 and 8 AM
Earliest Tallis & Tefillin:
 6:21 Mon- Weds., 6:22 Thurs. & Fri.
Weekday Mincha/ Maariv: 4:25PM
 Note: Early Mincha next Friday to accommodate Chanukah candlelighting: 3:00 PM
Late Maariv: 7:30 & 10:10 PM
Tuesday Night Tehillim – 9:50- 10:10 PM

We are considering adding an additional weekday Maariv time at 8:30PM. If you are interested in regularly attending such a Maariv Minyan, please contact Effy Zinkin at Effy.Zinkin@gmail.com.

MAZEL TOV

...to Debbie and Greg Botvinik on their son Jordan's Auf Ruf this Shabbos and his upcoming marriage to Shanie Kravitz of Flatbush. Mazel Tov to Jordan's brothers Andrew, Aaron and Noah and to the entire Botvinik and Kravitz families.
 ...to Suri and Jay Blum on the engagement of their daughter Jordana to Avi Korman of Lawrence, NY. Mazel Tov Avi's parents Debbie and Jerry Korman, to aunt and uncle Jerald and Rochelle Blum and to the entire Blum and Korman families.

ANNUAL HIGHLAND PARK COMMUNITY KOLLEL BREAKFAST

Dr. Robert Schanzer, Chairman of this year's Annual Highland Park Community Kollel Breakfast, is pleased to announce that the Guest of Honor at this year's breakfast will be Mr. Aryeh Levy, CPA. The breakfast will IY'H take place at Cong Ohr Torah Sunday morning, Jan 15th 2017 at 9:30AM.

OT YOUTH EVENTS

- Ohr Torah is hosting a Grand Chanukah Celebration and Children's Chinese auction on Sunday morning January 1, 2017 starting at 10:30AM lasting until 1PM. Children, parents & grandparents are all invited. Included is brunch and lots of entertainment such as spin art, face painting, a balloonist, a dazzling children's magic show plus fun, games and giveaways from the Jeff Wilks orchestra. In addition, children will have the opportunity to decorate their own Chanukah donut (frosting and sprinkles provided) and there will be a children's Chinese auction with great prizes. Cost is \$15 a person or \$40 per family. Sponsorships of \$72 and \$100 are available as well. Questions: Contact Mayer Berg by email -- marcberg@verizon.net or by cell @ (732) 207-9992. Chag Urim Sameach to all!

YEAR END STATEMENTS

Final year end statements were mailed out. Please pay all outstanding balances by Dec 31st and receive a 2016 tax deduction. For any questions regarding your financial statement, please contact Brian Allen.

SEFORIM DONATIONS

Thanks to the following for their generous Seforim donations:
 -Moshe & Debbie Schneider in memory of Lisa Schanzer's mother Edith Glaser Z"L

-Moshe & Susan Wiesel in memory of Paul Pheffer Z"L
 -Robert & Riki Kreitman in memory of Lisa Schanzer's mother Edith Glaser Z"L
 -Robert & Riki Kreitman in memory of Paul Pheffer Z"L
 -Robert & Riki Kreitman in memory of Josh & Jon Caplan's father Phillip Caplan Z"L
 -Robert & Riki Kreitman in memory of Payam Hanian's mother Victoria Kheirbakhsh (1'st Yahrtzeit) Z"L
 -Robert & Riki Kreitman in honor of Barry Wolf's special birthday
 -Elaine Rand Fromkin in memory of Paul Pheffer Z"L
 -Joshua & Naomi Caplan in memory of Lisa Schanzer's mother Edith Glaser Z"L
 -Joshua & Naomi Caplan in memory of Paul Pheffer Z"L
 -Mark & Rivka Kaplow in memory of Paul Pheffer Z"L
 -Ellen & Ira Smith in memory of Lisa Schanzer's mother Edith Glaser Z"L

PUBLIC MENORAH LIGHTING

The Himer family will be hosting a public lighting of the menorah on both Dec 24th and 31st at 6pm at their home ,6 Perry Road, Edison. There will be music and refreshments.

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS
 THANK YOU TO THE COMMUNITY**

Thank you to the Highland Park/Edison/East Brunswick Community. The EMERGENCY YAD LEAH CLOTHING DRIVE FOR ISRAELI COMMUNITIES AFFECTED BY THE FIRES was a tremendous success. As a community, we collectively donated 495 bags which filled up an entire truck. While the funds that were collected will go a long way towards sending the clothes, we are still short the necessary funds needed to send that clothing to Israel. If you were not able to participate in the drive, please sponsor a box of clothing to ensure that every piece of clothing from Highland Park, Edison and East Brunswick gets to a family in Israel this winter. Go to www.ClothingForTheWinter.causevox.com and make a donation. Please indicate HP/Edison/EB in the comment section of the donation page.

HATZOLAH OF MIDDLESEX COUNTY

We are currently seeking responders during the daytime. EMT training will be provided free of charge. Additionally, we also seek dispatchers. If you live or work in the area, and wish to join, contact us at info@hatzolahmc.org or call our non-emergency office number [732-993-8645](tel:732-993-8645).

EMPLOYMENT NETWORK OF RARITAN VALLEY

Looking for work? We can help. Go to www.ENRV.org or contact Bob Lansay at ENRVInfo@gmail.com. We post over 100 jobs monthly, and help people with resume and search strategies. **Please help!** If you know of any

WEEKLY SHIURIM

-Rabbi Luban's Monday night Shiur at 9:10PM
 - Daf Yomi Iyun Shiur with Rabbi Sauer – cancelled for next two weeks
 -Gemara with Rabbi Malitzky:
 Night Seder: 7:45- 9 PM (Mon)
 -Weds. night shiur 9:00-10:15PM, Chaburah from 9:40-10:10PM
Daf Yomi
 Mon-Thurs after 7:30 Maariv
 Friday Nite –after Maariv
 Shabbos-8:15 am
 Sunday-after 8 am Shacharis

YFM KIDDUSH

Kiddush this week in YFM is being sponsored by Cheryl and Marc Zeffren in honor of their children, Jacob and Yoel's, upcoming Birthdays.

KIDDUSH

Kiddush this Shabbos is sponsored by the Botvinik family in honor of Jordan's Auf Ruf and upcoming marriage.
 Kiddush sponsorship is available for Dec 31st and Jan 7th & 21st.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh seudos is cosponsored by Riki and Robert Kreitman in memory of the Yahrtzeit of Roberts's grandmother Esther Baiyla bas Reb Meir Baruch HaKohen A"H, and Debbie and Moshe Schneider in memory of the Yahrtzeit of Debbie's father Emanuel Libin, Immanuel ben Shimon A"H.

INTERESTED IN A 8:30PM MAARIV?

REMINDER: Emergency Defibrillators are located on the upstairs wall hallway & the entry hallway downstairs . Please note the location of the new First Aid Kits mounted on the wall below/above each Defibrillator.

CHEVRA HATZOLAH OF MIDDLESEX COUNTY 732-456-6666

professional, part-time, or temp job openings, please e-mail info to ENRVInfo@gmail.com.

SOFER AT JUDAICA GALLERY

The Sofer will be available to check mezzuzot and tefillin this Sunday, Dec 25th from 10am at Judaica Gallery, 300 Raritan Ave, Highland Park. If possible, schedule an appt. For questions or to make an appt, call [732-828-7722](tel:732-828-7722).

GENEALOGY CLUB OF CENTRAL JERSEY

The Genealogy Club of Central Jersey (GCCJ) will meet Thur, Jan 19th, 7PM at Ahavas Achim, 216 South 1st Ave., in Highland Park. Please note that, due to scheduling conflicts, this is not our normal meeting date.

AAU SHABBAT CHAZANUT

Ahavas Achim University invites you to a Shabbat Chanukah of Song on Dec 30-31 featuring Chazzan Netanel Hershtik and the Hamptons Synagogue Choir. The program begins on Friday evening with menorah lighting and a ruach-filled Kabbalat Shabbat and Maariv. There will be a catered Friday night Seudah, by reservation only: \$25 per person; \$60 max per family. To RSVP, please mail: AAmusicalshabbat@gmail.com. Dessert and musical Oneg Shabbat with Netanel Hershtik and the choir at 8pm is open to all. The shirah continues on Shabbat morning at 8:45 a.m. with Shacharit, Hallel and Mussaf, followed by a celebratory Kiddush. The program concludes on Shabbat afternoon with Maariv, Hadlakat Ner Chanukah, and Havdalah

THE TABC ANNUAL DINNER

The TABC Annual Dinner will take place Jan 12th. Join us as we pay tribute to Guests of Honor, Gail & Terry Novetsky; Community Service Awardees, Rachele and Howard Friedman; Faculty Recognition Honoree, Deniera Goldenberg; and Rabbi Benjamin Skydell '95 who is receiving the Alumni Tribute Award. For more info/to donate, please visit www.tabc.org/dinner

MA'AYANOT YESHIVA HIGH SCHOOL'S DAY OF BIG IDEAS

The entire community is invited to attend Ma'ayanot Yeshiva High School's Day of Big Ideas on Mon, Jan 2nd, 9:30AM-12:30PM, at Ma'ayanot (1650 Palisade Ave, Teaneck). Program will begin with a keynote address by Dr. Leah Knapp (Clinical Psychologist & Ma'ayanot Teacher) on the topic *Lonely Man of Faith: Opportunities and Limitations in the Quest to Connect*. The keynote will be followed by additional lectures by Ma'ayanot faculty on advanced topics in the liberal arts and sciences. Men and women welcome. For more info contact Chana Stiefel at [201-833-4307](tel:201-833-4307), ext. 244.

RARITAN VALLEY HADASSAH NEWS & EVENTS

It's Chanukah! And that means Installation too... Celebrate the 2nd candle with Raritan Valley Hadassah Mon Dec 26TH, 7pm River Ridge Terrace 30 S. Adelaide Ave Highland Park, NJ Spin a dreidel. Munch the latkes. Indulge in the donuts. Smile with songs and stories by Dave Schlossberg. Meet Hadassah's brand new Board. R.S.V.P. Elaine Rand Fromkin [732-257-1525](tel:732-257-1525) memajules1@gmail.com \$5 contribution is valued. *Car pools suggested to mitigate parking concerns.*

CHICKS WITH STICKS KNITTING GROUP

Next meeting Tues Jan 10 at 2PM If it is snowing /icy, call me to check if meeting is rescheduled. We compile caps, blankets for preemies, new born babies and children with cancer for winter deliveries to hospitals. Our experienced and talented knitters assist other group members with questions. I have a selection of yarn so please drop by to pick up yarn or drop off finished caps and

blankets. Questions or to pick up yarn, call or email me. Phyllis Pollak, Knitting Chair [732-246-7366](tel:732-246-7366), phypollak@yahoo.com

-Raritan Valley Hadassah Gen Meeting, Jan 18th 7-9PM. Wed, Jan 18th at 7PM at the HP Senior Center, 220 South Sixth Ave, HP, to hear Judy Shereck, Hadassah Vice Coord, PRAZE Div, Hon Council, present overview of important Hadassah Advocacy Programs. These advocacy programs include Hadassah's Domestic Advocacy Agenda on a wide range of women's health, reproductive rights, and economic security issues and its Israel Advocacy Program. This meeting gives us at Raritan Valley Hadassah great direction to focus advocacy efforts in the coming year.

-Raritan Valley Hadassah General Meeting, Feb 15, 2-4PM. Join us Wed, Feb 15th at 2PM at the HP Senior Center. We will break the ice and melt our bodies into easy range of motion moves with Cindy Boda, cert personal trainer. Come enjoy a half hour of exercise, standing and sitting, using range of motion movements, with and without resistance. If you own light dumb-bells, #2, #3 and #5, please bring them. If not, bring two 16 oz. bottles of water to use. Cindy will not only show you the movements, she will talk you thru them, telling you which muscles groups you are using during each exercise. Everyone can do this class. She will accommodate every level of fitness. Come and enjoy; wear comfortable clothes and sneakers.

MOPS CONSIGNMENT SHEITEL SALE

ATTENTION LADIES!!! Treat yourselves this Chanukah at MOPS Consignment Sheitel Sale coming to Edison/Highland Park! Rimona Hornung from MOPS will be bringing high end consignments starting at \$500 as well as new sheitels from top brands. Don't need a new sheitel? Come for wig grips, lace bands, top knots, braided headbands! There will be something for everyone at amazing prices. Wednesday Dec 28th 8pm-10:30pm at 236 Highland Ave. Edison. For more info call Ahuva Morris [908-227-3155](tel:908-227-3155).

ACTT

The ACTT (Achieving Change Through Torah) program helps individuals succeed in making meaningful and lasting changes in their lives. Previous ACTT module: "Kiddush Hashem 1"; Source book: "Living Kiddush Hashem" by Rabbi Shraga Freedman. "A Powerful Segulah for Yom Hadin", speaker Rabbi Dovid Goldwasser, can be downloaded or listened to from the Audio page of the ACTT web site at:

www.actt613.org/3.html. For more info, see the ACTT web-site, www.actt613.org, e-mail info@actt613.org or call Phil Rosen (732) 572-8762.

BIKUR CHOLIM:

- NEW HOSPITALITY ROOM at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital! It is located on the main floor. Go through the main entrance and bear left towards the gift shop. Turn right through the double doors. Follow hall and turn right. The room is located opposite the surgical intensive care unit. You will find it fully stocked with food and any items that you might need. There is a microwave, urn, sink, table & chairs, as well as two reclining chairs. For inquiries, please call the helpline at 732-572-7181.

- MOTHER'S HELPERS: Bikur Cholim is looking for Mother's Helpers to help with a special need's five year old girl. Volunteers are needed for any time, Monday through Friday. We are looking for girls tenth grade and up. If you can help, even for a few hours, please call Mrs. Rivka Teresh directly at 347-598-9448.

- 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.

- 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 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 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.

HEBREW INSTITUTE OF RIVERDALE

Join the Hebrew Institute of Riverdale and Executive Producer Nancy Spielberg for a screening of her award winning new film "On The Map." On December 29, the Bayit invites your family to celebrate Chanukah with ours. Screening will be followed by a Q&A with Executive producer Nancy Spielberg. Chanukah candle lighting will be at 7:30, film will begin at 7:45 promptly. Cost: Adult - \$10 online/ \$15 at the door, Child (18 & younger) - \$5.

Register @ www.thebayit.org/film

ORTHODOX FORUM

The Orthodox Forum of Edison/Highland Park presents David Greenfield discussing, "What Jews Want in the New Political Order: An Insider's View" on Saturday night January 7 at 8:00 at Congregation Etz Ahaim. David Greenfield, a New York City Councilman who represents more Jews than any other local elected official in the world, is a rising star in New York politics. He is unabashedly supportive of the State of Israel and is a champion of many issues of importance to the Jewish community. He will share his perspective on the current national political scene and his experiences as one of the highest ranking officials in New York City government. The program is free of charge. The Orthodox Forum gladly accepts season sponsorships, as well as program sponsorships. For more information go online to www.orthodoxjewishforum.org

JERUSALEM MARATHON

This March I will be running with Team Shalva in the Jerusalem Marathon. Shalva is an amazing organization that serves the mentally and physically challenged children of Israel in the most warm and loving environment. I volunteer every week at the Shalva building so I really see how special of a place it is. All donations are 100% tax deductible and any donation you could give would really help this incredible organization!! Donate online at <http://www.run4shalva.org/my/allyorgel> or you can drop off a check made out to SHALVA at 12 Brookfall Road, Edison NJ 08817. Thank you so much in advance!! Ally Orgel

CLASSES FOR WOMEN

Please note: Mrs. Miri Cohen's Parsha class: No class on Dec 27. For info, call [732-966-6503](tel:732-966-6503).

-Sun Dec 25h 10AM: Rabbi Bassous: Women's class at Cong. Etz Ahaim. Class based upon the book, "Happiness" by Rabbi Zelig Pliskin.

- Rebbitzin Eichenstein's Tefillah class. No class this week. For more info, please contact Ricki at 732-828-6838 or rickistern@yahoo.com

-SemPlus evening shiur for post seminary girls: Call hotline to confirm 732-966-6503
-Sun Dec 25th 11AM – Rebbitzin Eichenstein’s Tefillah Class for Women at the Agudah
-Mon Dec 25th 7:30PM – Mrs. Leah Drillman’s Shimiras Haloshon class at home of Ellen Smith, 407 N. 8th Ave Edison. Info call Ellen 201-410-1893 or 732-777-6787
-Mon Dec 26th 8PM- Rebitzen Eichenstein’s Parsha Class for Women at Ohr Torah. Questions call Ricki 732-838-6939 or rickistern@yahoo.com
SemPlus Evening shiur- for post seminary girls: Call hotline to confirm 732-966-6503
-Shabbos Jan 7th 3PM: Ahavas Yisroel Women’s Learning Program is pleased to announce next month’s shiur: Margalit Gottlieb will speak on the topic: " Yehuda and Yosef: An Archetype of Jewish Division and Unity" at home of Mrs. Nechama Boxer 12 Eardley Place Edison. All Women And girls high school age and older invited to attend.
Womens’ Amen Group – Meets Monthly on Sundays following Shabbos in which one benschos Rosh Chodesh 9:30am in downstairs classroom at Cong Ohr Torah. Group meets in the zechus of a reufah shelaimah for Menachem Mordechai ben Ophira and the other Cholim in the community.
Tiferes : *Month of Kislev, Tiferes is FREE to all women-come watch DVD/listen to teleconferences.* Tiferes DVD for women: Motzai Shabbos Jan. 21 at 8:30PM at the Siegel house. Weekly teleconferences w/ topics such as shalom bayis and parenting avail to Tiferes members. Current teleconference: "The Jewish Home –Maximizing

my Role" with Mrs. Chana Leah Rapaport. [212-444-9898](tel:212-444-9898); pin 1001. For info, contact Aviva siegelmom@optonline.net. The HP/Edison group of Tiferes is zecher l'nishmas Malka bas Shalom.

PARK MIKVAH HOURS

Park Mikvah hours Sun –Thur evenings: thru March 8th: 8PM–10:30PM Friday nights by appt only. Motzai Shabbos thru Jan 7:30–10PM. Please arrive with enough time to be out before closing time. If you have not received our recent mailing, email hpmikvah@gmail.com or [732-249-2411](tel:732-249-2411).

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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 Kiddush or reserve the Kiddush room, please contact Mel Barenholtz by email: mbarenh@yahoo.com.

SHALOSH SEUDOS SPONSORSHIP: To sponsor Shalosh Seudos, contact Moshe Wiesel.

BUILDING DEDICATION OPPORTUNITIES Contact Moshe Schneider at 732-618-4702.

TREE OF LIFE / YAHRZEIT PLAQUES: To dedicate a Yahrzeit Plaque or Leaf for the Lobby Eitz Chayim Tree, contact Moish Nat by sending detailed fax with all dedicatory wording to 732-759-8558. For more info, call Moish at 732-759-807 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 call 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 Refuah Shleimah

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 database, go to ohrtorah.net and click "Register for OT Yahrzeit Notification" or speak with Ralph Dessau or Gene Wasserman.

LOCAL ERUV: Call 732-247-ERUV for status

Parshas Miketz

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