



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

<http://www.ohrtorah.net>

48 Edgemount Road Edison, NJ 08817

Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi

Jeff Klein- President

Rabbi Sarel Malitzky – Assistant Rabbi

Parshas Va'era- Rosh Chodesh

1 Shevat 5777

January 28, 2017

Candlelighting: 4:52 PM
Mincha: 5:00 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): 9:40 AM
Rabbi Luban's Taanis Shiur – 3:55 PM
Rabbi Malitzky's Mishnayos Shiur for 6-8 grade boys – 4:15 PM
Mincha: 1:45 & 4:45PM
 Shalosh Seudos speaker: *Michael Kaplan*
Maariv: 5:55 PM
Shabbos Ends: 6:01 PM
Weekday Shacharis
Sun 7:15, 8 & 9AM
Mon. & Thur: 6:20, 7:15, 8 & 9AM
Tues, Weds. & Fri. 6:30, 7:10, 8 & 9AM
Weekday Mincha/ Maariv: 5:00PM
Late Maariv: 7:30 & 10:10 PM
Tuesday Night Tehillim – 9:50- 10:10 PM

SHIURIM

Rabbi Luban's Monday night Shiur – Monday 9:10 PM
Daf Yomi Iyoun Shiur with Rabbi Sauer – after 7:15 Shacharis on Sunday
Gemara with Rabbi Malitzky: Monday and Wednesday: Night Seder: 9:00-10:10 PM, Chaburah from 9:40-10:10PM
Thursday night live with Rabbi Malitzky. Thursday night 2/2 at 9:15 in YFM.
Topic: Insights into Friday night Kiddush and a discussion regarding why the Beracha recited in many Mitzvos is said over wine. Learn about the Jewish approach to wine while sampling a variety of wines from around the world.
Daf Yomi
 Mon-Thurs after 7:30 Maariv
 Friday Nite –after Maariv
 Shabbos-8:15 am
 Sunday-after 8 am Shacharis

KIDDUSH

Kiddush this Shabbos is sponsored by Karen and Jay Reinhard in honor of Amanda's Bat Mitzvah.
 Kiddush sponsorship is available for Feb 4th, 11th & 25th and March 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos is sponsored by Penny and Michael Kaplan in memory of Michael's mother Aydl bas Akiva, A"H.

SEFORIM DONATIONS

Thanks to the following for their generous Seforim donations:

- David & Fay Moskovic in memory of Paul Pheffer Z"L
- Michael & Penny Kaplan in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Yehoshua Greenman
- Michael & Penny Kaplan in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Zev Klein

MAZEL TOV

...to Karen and Jay Reinhard on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Amanda Rose. Mazel Tov to grandparents Elena and Nathan Orgel and the entire Rheinhard and Orgel families.
 ... to Elise and Eddie Schechter on the birth of a baby boy to their children Dovie & Yehudis. Shalom Zachor will be at the Schechter home, 37 Brookfall RD, Edison at 7:30 PM.

ORTHODOX FORUM

Modern Orthodoxy on the Brink: Can We Hold our Community Together?
 The Orthodox Forum of Edison/Highland Park presents Rabbi Shmuel Goldin discussing, "Modern Orthodoxy on the Brink: Can We Hold our Community Together?" " on Saturday night Feb 4 at 8pm at Cong Ohr Torah. Rabbi Goldin will present a comprehensive analysis of the issues that separate open orthodoxy from other segments of modern orthodoxy. Rabbi Goldin has been the spiritual leader of Cong Ahavath Torah of Englewood, NJ for over three decades. Program is free of charge. The Orthodox Forum gladly accepts season sponsorships, as well as program sponsorships. For more info go online to www.orthodoxjewishforum.org

CONDOLENCES

We regret to announce the passing of Arnie Koenigson's father, Max Koenigson, A"H. Shiva will be observed at the Stern residence, 563 Adams Ave., West Hempstead, New York until 9:00 PM Saturday night. Shiva will continue Sunday morning starting at 11 AM until Thursday morning at the Koenigson residence, 820 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, APT. 406. Arnie can be reached at 732 735 1257.
May the family be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

RPRY

-RPRY PLUS and the RPRY Alumni Assoc. invite the whole community to Coach Gila's cooking demo and workshop on TOP TIPS FOR HEALTHY EATING. Sunday Feb 26 at 8pm at RPRY. Coach Gila (RPRY Class of '87!) is Dir of Main Asset Health and at this event you will get to taste the food she prepares right in front of you and go home with a copy of her featured recipes! Cost is \$15 in advance/\$20 at the door. Sponsorships available and include admission: \$54 (VIP seating)/\$72 (VIP seating and special gift)/ \$180 (VIP seating and phone consult with Coach Gila!). For questions and reservations please email RPRYPLUS@rpry.org

NETIVOT MONTESSORI

8th Day Concert!! Yeshivat Netivot Montessori presents 8th Day live in concert on Sunday, Feb 19, at 2:30pm, at the Jo Ann Magistro Performing Arts Center, 200 Rues Lane, East Brunswick. Tickets cost \$40, \$30, and \$20. Beginning this Sunday, VIP tickets, which include a meet and greet with the band after the concert, are available for \$75. Purchase tickets online at netivot.booktix.com. Groups of 10 or more can receive a group discount of 10%, and processing fees are waived. Contact us at concert@mynetivot.com or [732-985-4626 ext. 4](tel:732-985-4626) for group tickets or sponsorships.

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.

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 monthly, and help people with resume and search strategies. Please help: If you know of any professional, part-time, or temp job openings, please e-mail info to ENRVInfo@gmail.com.

BIKUR CHOLIM:

- HOSPITALITY ROOM at RWJ Univ Hospital! Located on the main floor. Go thru main entrance and bear left towards the gift shop. Turn right through double doors. Follow hall and turn right. 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.

- TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE: Drivers and coordinators needed. Coordinate rides to and from medical appts - 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

- WEBSITE: bikurcholimrv.com. The website provides info 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.
 -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.

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

-Donations of diapers, pull-ups, and wipes are currently being accepted for the new HP/Edison Diaper Gemach. Please email diapergemach@gmail.com for more info.

AHAVAS ACHIM

-Bible and BBQ session with Rabbi Miodownik on Tue, Feb 7, 8-9PM at Park Place. Free food and inspiration! Choose either a free burger and fries, hot dog and fries, chicken nuggets and fries or fries and fries! Register at <https://newjersey.ncsy.org/chapters/highland-park/>. For more info please contact Rabbi Shmuel Greene at greenes@ncsy.org

-AA Youth Dept 2017 Cholent Cook-off!

Join our Cholent Cook-off! *How will it work?* Anyone can enter. Cost \$18 per contestant. The shul will supply a brand new crock pot and ladle (which contestants get to keep after the cook-off). Contestants provide their own ingredients. All products brought into the shul must be inspected for appropriate hashgacha and must be unopened. Cholent will be made at AA Thur Feb 2 (and placed in the refrigerator until it is put in the crock-pot on Friday). *The Tasting:* Cholents will be served at a special Kiddush after the Main Minyan Shabbat Feb 4th Participants will pay \$5pp \$25 per family max, to enjoy and taste all the different cholents. Participants will vote for their favorite cholent by "shabbat-friendly" ballot. Winner determined by popular vote and prize will be awarded! To compete in the cholent cook-off and/or participate by tasting the cholents and voting for the winner, contact Miriam at aayouth100@gmail.com.

NCSY

NCSY is going Ice Skating and all teens are invited! Saturday night, Feb 4, 8:15-9:45 at the Bridgewater Sports Arena. \$7 per person that includes skate rental! Register at <https://newjersey.ncsy.org/chapters/highland-park/>! For more info please contact Rabbi Shmuel Greene at greenes@ncsy.org!

THE CHESSED FUND

We realize there are many requests for Tzedaka, all heart wrenching. However, the rules of Tzedaka are to first help your family, then help your community, then outside the community. Here is a campaign started by longtime members of our community, who are presently struggling with the serious issue of having a family member trying to recover in rehab. They need to raise about \$6,000 a month and rehab can take about a year. <https://thechesedfund.com/cause/> please-help-us-afford-rehab-to-save-our-son. Please open up your hearts and help this local family keep their son in rehab. They have been generous in the past in supporting our community and never thought they would need to ask for themselves. (Please note: Rabbi Kaufman and Rabbi Kaminetzky have reviewed this issue and the great need of the family and encourage all to help in this extremely worthy and lifesaving effort.)

ROSH CHODESH SHIDDUCH GROUP

The Rosh Chodesh Shidduch Group will be meeting this Tuesday night, Jan 31, at 8 PM at the Ravitz home. Please bring a resume with a picture of anyone you want to present.

CLASSES FOR WOMEN

Mon – Jan 30th – 7:30PM – Mrs. Leah Drillman's Shimiras Haloshon Class at home of Ellen Smith 407 N. 8th Ave, Edison. Questions call Ellen 201-410-1893 or 732777-6787

Tues – Jan 31st – Mrs. Miri Cohen will not have Parsha class. Questions call 732-966-6503.

-The Women's AMEN Group meets **monthly** on the Sundays following the Shabbos in which one

bensches Rosh Chodesh, at 9:30 AM in a downstairs classroom at Congregation Ohr Torah. The group meets in the zechus of a refuah shelaimah for Menachem Mordechai ben Ophira and the other Cholim in the community.

-SemPlus evening shiur for post seminary girls: Please call the hotline to confirm at 732-966-6503.

-Tiferes DVD for women on Motzai Shabbos, Feb. 11 at 8:30PM, at the Siegel house. Weekly teleconferences with topics such as shalom bayis and parenting are available to Tiferes members. Current teleconference: "Connecting through Challenge" with Mrs. Chany Feldbrand. For more info, please contact Aviva siegelmom@optonline.net. The Highland Park / Edison group of Tiferes is zecher l'nishmas Malka bas Shalom.

-The Edison/HP 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 info and/or to schedule an appt call Sara Scott at 516-526-0941.

- HP/ Edison Connects: Save the date: Motzai Shabbos, March 4th for a very meaningful and exciting HP/Edison Connects event! For more info, contact Faygie Lobel 917-667-0635.

- Interested in having Women's Israeli Dancing return to Etz Ahaim? Please email dance teacher, Elyse Litt at: dances.from.the.heart@gmail.com to let her know you are interested in starting to dance again in Highland Park!

PARK MIKVAH NEWS

-The Highland Park mikvah is ready to be transformed into a most beautiful, inviting facility, one which the entire community can be proud of! *It is now closed; anticipated reopening before Pesach 2017.*

The Young Israel of East Brunswick will be extending their hours throughout the duration of Park Mikvah renovations: Saturday – Thursday: 8PM – 11PM. Please check their website for more info regarding fees, and for changes in schedule due to inclement weather. YIEB: 193 Dunhams Corner Road, East Brunswick, [732-257-4121](tel:732-257-4121) or <http://www.yieb.org/mikvah.html>

The YIEB mikvah strongly encourages women to prepare at home, due to the expected high volume of patrons. Pending volunteer availability, Park Mikvah will endeavor to provide transportation to or from the YIEB mikvah, as a free service. Please email Aviva at siegelmom@optonline.net to volunteer as a driver, or 2 days prior to your visit, to request a ride to the mikvah.

Fundraising campaign to finance the renovations has begun! Dedication opportunities are now available! To make a donation, checks can be mailed to Park Mikvah, 36 Skyview Terrace, Highland Park, NJ 08904 or payment by credit card or PayPal via PayPal.Me/parkmikvah For more info, email hpmikvah@gmail.com or www.parkmikvah.org.

PARK MIKVAH EVENT

Cooking demonstration with Miriam Pascal, founder of OvertimeCook.com, author of Something Sweet and Ami Whisk Magazine columnist on Feb 18th at 8:15PM to benefit Park Mikvah. A milchig buffet will be served. The event will be held in the home of Esther Posen, 12 Fairhill Rd, Edison. The cost of the event is \$36. Space is limited. For women only. To make a reservation, please email Esther Posen at:

eposen@optonline.net. For more info, please call Lynn Hanfling at: 732-777-0225. Looking forward to seeing you!

-Change in date! Back by popular demand! Park Mikvah and Irgun Shiurai Torah present a Shovavim Project Lecture for women by Mrs. Debbie Greenblatt on the topic of "A Journey Towards Intimacy, The Mystery and Practicality of Taharas Mishpacha" to take place Sunday, Feb 12th at Cong Ohr Torah (social Hall) at 8:30pm. For married women only. Mrs. Debbie Greenblatt has been involved in teaching and counseling Jewish women for over twenty-five years. Mrs. Greenblatt speaks on topics related to Jewish thought, personal relationships and textual based education. She is a founder of the Women's Division of Gateways and gives classes in the New York metropolitan area as well as across the country. For more info, please email Parkmikvaevents@gmail.com

OHR TORAH NEWSLETTER: To subscribe to these Announcements, go to 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 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 Bo

Candlelighting:	5:00pm
Mincha:	5:10pm

Ohr Torah can be found at <http://www.ohrtorah.net>. Join the email list for Weekly Announcements. Announcements should be sent to announcements@ohrtorah.net by 7PM Wed. Please make sure to leave a contact/callback name and phone number.