



# Congregation Ohr Torah

## Weekly Announcements

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**Rabbi Yaakov Luban – Rabbi**

**Jeff Klein- President**

**Rabbi Sariel Malitzky – Assistant Rabbi**

*Parshas Mishpatim*

29 Shevat 5777

February 25, 2017

<b>Candlelighting:</b>	<b>5:25 PM</b>
<b>Mincha:</b>	<b>5:35 PM</b>
<b>Shacharis:</b>	<b>7:45, 9:00 &amp; 9:15 AM</b>
<i>Rabbi Hoffman's Halacha B'iyun Shiur after Hashkama</i>	
<b>Sof Z'man Krias Shma (GR"A):</b>	<b>9:24 AM</b>
<i>Rabbi Luban's Taanis Shiur – 4:30 PM</i>	
<i>Rabbi Malitzky's Mishnayos Shiur for 6-8 grade boys – 5:45 PM</i>	
<b>Mincha:</b>	<b>1:45 &amp; 5:20PM</b>
<i>Shalosh Seudos speaker: Josh Rapps</i>	
<b>Maariv:</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>
<b>Shabbos Ends:</b>	<b>6:35 PM</b>
<b>Weekday Shacharis</b>	
<b>Sun (Rosh Chodesh)</b>	<b>7:00, 8 &amp; 9 AM</b>
<b>Mon. (Rosh Chodesh):</b>	<b>6:10, 6:50, &amp; 8 AM</b>
<b>Tues, Weds. &amp; Fri.</b>	<b>6:30, 7:10, &amp; 8 AM</b>
<b>Thur:</b>	<b>6:20, 7:15, &amp; 8 AM</b>
<b>Weekday Mincha/ Maariv:</b> <b>5:35PM</b>	
<b>Late Maariv:</b>	<b>7:30 &amp; 10:10 PM</b>
<i>Tuesday Night Tehillim – 9:50- 10:10 PM</i>	

Debby & Arthur Atlas and Chani & Eli Wiesel. Please join us on Sunday, April 30 at 5:30pm as we honor these two very special couples.

### **WOMEN'S SHIUR**

#### **WITH RABBI MALITZKY**

There will be a women's Shiur this Shabbos (2/25) at 4:15pm with R' Malitzky, at the home of Chani and Eli Wiesel, 16 Harrison Street. Topic: *How to bring the Simcha of Adar into our Homes.*

### **MAZEL TOV**

...to Lorraine and Abe Schwartzbard on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Jacob Farkas of Cedarhurst, Long Island. Mazel Tov to Jacob's parents Amy and Shmuel Farkas.

### **MISHLOACH MANOT**

The Ohr Torah Sisterhood Mishloach Manot deadline is March 5th! Please mail forms and payment to Marninah Hersh, 78 Harrison Ave., Highland Park to participate or contact her at [marninah@yahoo.com](mailto:marninah@yahoo.com).

### **LUNCH AND LEARN**

Save the Date Tues, March 14<sup>th</sup>. Tues, May 2nd will be the next one. Retiree Lunch and Learn Presents The Courageous Heart of Irena Sendler. This movie is based on the remarkable true story of World War II hero Irena Sendler, who rescued over 2,500 Jewish children during the German occupation of Poland. Program includes a light lunch from our very own Jerusalem Pizza. It is open to all retirees in the community and will be a wonderful opportunity to socialize with each other in a meaningful way. There will be a charge of \$10pp to help defray cost of meal. Location: Ohr Torah Synagogue, 48 Edgemount Rd, Edison, NJ Date: Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> - Time: Noon RSVP Bella - [blerner18@optonline.net](mailto:blerner18@optonline.net), 732 317-1786, Mildred 732 572-1712, or Marcia ppheffer@verizon.net 732 572-5998

### **YOUTH EVENTS**

On Sunday March 19th at 11AM Cong Ohr Torah will be going by school bus from the Shul to the Circus located at the Sun National Bank Center in Trenton, NJ. We will return to the Shul at 3PM. This program is for children and parents. All children six and under must be accompanied by an adult. Prepare to blast off on an intergalactic adventure for space-age family fun as the ultimate circus experience launches into the future as Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey® Presents Out Of This World™. Children of all ages will be amazed by the cosmic voyage as you discover the wonders of gravity-defying acrobats, orbital aerialists,

majestic animals, fearless daredevils and humorous clowns. The show runs 1 hour and 45 minutes including a 15-minute intermission. Cost is \$27pp including transportation for all reservations made in advance. On day of event, price goes up to \$30pp. Max \$100 per immediate family. ---On Sun April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 2PM until 5:30PM come to Cong Ohr Torah @ 48 Edgemount Rd in Edison, NJ for the Walt Disney experience. We will be showing two Walt Disney movies, awarding Disney store gift cards redeemable for Disney tickets or Disney branded merchandise by answering Disney trivia questions and there will even be snacks given out similar to those available at Walt Disney World! Cost is just \$10 per child for all this fun and excitement!

---And last but certainly not least, there will be several entertainers Purim night Motzei Shabbat March 11th@ Ohr Torah starting at 7:30pm. Details to follow.

### **CELEBRATING YOM HA'ATZMAUT/YOM YERUSHALAYIM!**

A committee is forming to organize and schedule Ohr Torah's celebration of Yom Ha'atzmaut and Jerusalem's Jubilee Year on Yom Yerushalayim. If you would like to join the committee, please contact Susie Wolf at [susiewolf@gmail.com](mailto:susiewolf@gmail.com) or Riki Kreitman at [riki.kreitman@gmail.com](mailto:riki.kreitman@gmail.com).

### **OHR TORAH ANNUAL YOUTH RAFFLE**

Please help support Ohr Torah's youth groups by purchasing raffle ticket(s). The cost of the tickets are one for \$36, two for \$70, or 3 for \$100. The drawing will be held at the annual Shul dinner on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Barry Siegel, Charlie Gershbaum, Jason Jurkevich or Mayer Berg to purchase tickets.

All proceeds support the OT Youth programs.

### **SEFORIM DONATIONS**

Thanks to the following for their generous Seforim donations:  
-Shira & Marnin Goldberg in memory of Jonathan Teitelbaum's father Naftali Teitelbaum Z"l  
-Ira & Juliet Krumholtz in memory of Mitchell Baruch's mother Elaine Baruch Z"l  
-Ira & Juliet Krumholtz in memory of Arnie Koenigson's father Max Koenigson Z"l  
-Ira & Juliet Krumholtz in memory of Jonathan Teitelbaum's father Naftali Teitelbaum Z"l  
-Barry and Miryam Arnow in memory of Paul Pheffer Z"l

### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **TOMCHEI SHABBOS PESACH CAMPAIGN**

<b>SHIURIM</b>	
<i>Rabbi Luban's Monday night Shiur – Monday 9:10 PM</i>	
<i>Daf Yomi Iyun Shiur with Rabbi Sauer – after 7:15 Shacharis on Sunday</i>	
<i>Gemara with Rabbi Malitzky: Tuesday Night 9:20 PM</i>	
<i>Thursday Night Live: 3/2 at 9:15 in YFM.</i>	
<i>Uncovering the meaning behind covering the Challah.</i>	
<b>Daf Yomi</b>	
Mon-Thurs after 7:30 Maariv	
Friday Nite –after Maariv	
Shabbos-8:15 am	
Sunday-after 8 am Shacharis	

### **HASHKAMA KIDDUSH**

Hashkama Kiddush is being sponsored by Lynn and Marc Hanfling and Rozzie and Jeff Slepoy in commemoration of the Yahrzeit of Mirel bas Natfali, A"H.

### **KIDDUSH**

Kiddush is cosponsored by Fay and Dovid Moskovic in memory of the Yahrzeit of Dovid's mother Rivka bas Dovid A"H, Nechama and Michael Samel, Lisa and Barry Schanzer, and Susie and Moish Wiesel. We thank these families for their generosity. Kiddush sponsorship is avail for March 11<sup>th</sup>, 18th & 25th.

### **SHALOSH SEUDOS**

Shalosh Seudos is sponsored by Tzippy and Josh Rapps- in memory of the 4th Yahrzeit of Tzippy's father, Rav Chaim Zev Bomzer A"H.

### **OHR TORAH ANNUAL DINNER**

Cong. Ohr Torah is pleased to announce the honorees for its upcoming annual dinner:

**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

With Pesach less than 2 months away, there are families in our community for whom the thought of purchasing even the basic necessities is a crushing financial burden. Tomchei Shabbos helps ease this burden, and provide peace of mind, by ensuring that these families' basic needs are met. But all this comes at a cost. Pesach is by far our largest costliest operation of the year. In the weeks leading up to Pesach, over 250 boxes of food are purchased, packed and distributed to needy families in the Highland Park, Edison and East Brunswick communities. Families are counting on this food but to make it happen requires your support. Help give the gift of Pesach to families in need. Donations can be made through website at [www.tomcheimc.org](http://www.tomcheimc.org). Checks can also be sent to Tomchei Shabbos of Middlesex County, c/o Cong. Ohr Torah, 48 Edgemount Rd, Edison, NJ 08817.

#### **SOFER**

The Sofer will be available to check your Mezzuzot and Tefillin this Sunday, February 26, 2017, starting at 10 a.m., at Judaica Gallery, 300 Raritan Avenue, Highland Park. For questions or to make an appointment, please call [732-828-7722](tel:732-828-7722) or email [judaicagallery@hotmail.com](mailto:judaicagallery@hotmail.com).

#### **HIGHLAND PARK/EDISON CONNECTS**

The women of our community are invited to our Winter 2017 Melave Malka featuring a very special guest speaker! A former IDF soldier, who grew up in this community and who served during the recent Operation Protective Edge will be sharing inspiring stories of Achdus and how that CONNECT's to our community! This very special no-charge event will be taking place on Motzai Shabbos, March 4<sup>th</sup> that 8pm at the home of Rachelle and Zev Stern, 474 Lincoln Ave, HP. (Speaker to begin 8:30 sharp to leave plenty of mingling time afterwards!) Whether you have recently moved in and are looking to meet people, or whether you have been here for years and want to reconnect with old friends and make new ones, we encourage you to come! For more info please email Faygie Lobel at [FayMLobel@gmail.com](mailto:FayMLobel@gmail.com) or [Elleshlang@gmail.com](mailto:Elleshlang@gmail.com).

#### **RPRY**

The whole community is invited to a dynamic cooking demonstration and workshop THIS SUNDAY Feb 26 at 8pm at RPRY. Coach Gila (Greenspan) Guzman is an RPRY graduate and director of Main Asset Health, LLC. The topic is: TOP TIPS FOR HEALTHY EATING: Winter Edition. All participants will get to taste the food she prepares at the event and get a copy of her exclusive recipes! Cost \$20 at door. Sponsorships avail and include admission: \$54 (VIP seating)/\$72 (VIP seating and special gift)/ \$180 (VIP seating and meal planning session with Coach Gila!). Everyone is welcome!

#### **DREXEL UNIV SCHOLARSHIP APPS TAKEN**

Do you have any high school member who is headed to college this fall? If yes, inform him/her of this scholarship that is avail at Drexel Univ. In addition to an entire building devoted to Hillel activities Drexel now has a Chabad rabbi with a large house devoted to orthodox services, followed by free kosher dinners every Friday evening. See <http://www.jewishdragon.com/> The KPD Scholarship at Drexel will pay a student \$8000 for completing the Minor in Judaic Studies. The Judaic Studies Minor consists of eight courses, three core and five elective, including five in Hebrew and one in Yiddish. The scholarship is most useful to a student who pursues a liberal arts type of study because many courses satisfy elective requirements in English and History. Contact Drexel Student Financial Aid Office, c/o Casey Marsella 3141-51 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia PA 19104 for application.

#### **ELI BERG IN JERUSALEM MARATHON**

Eli Berg is running in the Jerusalem Marathon on March 17th to benefit OurPlace that helps over 1000 youth each year and so many more in our community who just want a second chance at life. Here's his sponsor page thank you for your support!  
<http://teamourplace.com/participantpage.asp?fundid=2020&uid=3675&fkroledescid=5>

#### **ANNA SCHANZER'S BAT MITZVAH PROJECT**

In honor of my upcoming bat mitzvah, I will Y"Y this Sunday, February 26th DELIVER fresh bagels from MORDY'S BAKERY to your homes! You can also PICK UP the order at Congregation Ohr Torah, Sunday mornings from 8:30-9:45. ALL the money collected is going to Israel Cancer Research Fund (ICRF). I chose this tzedaka project in memory of my grandmother who recently passed away from Leukemia. Please help support my project! You can go to the website [bagels.ecwid.com](http://bagels.ecwid.com) to submit your order which should be completed by Thursday for the upcoming Sunday. The price is \$8 per 1/2 dozen and \$15 per dozen. Please make checks payable to Israel Cancer Research Fund (ICRF)

#### **HATZOLAH OF MIDDLESEX COUNTY MEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**

Hatzolah of Middlesex County is proud to present its 2nd annual Men's Basketball Tournament! Tournament will be held at 71 Ethel Rd W, Piscataway NJ Sunday, March 5th from 5-9 PM. Open to all Men ages 16 & up. Entry Fee: \$65 per person or \$250 per team (4 players per team). 100% of all proceeds goes to Hatzolah of Middlesex County. Registration deadline Feb 23. For info or to register, please e-mail [tournament@hatzolahmc.org](mailto:tournament@hatzolahmc.org). To pay online, visit [www.hatzolahmc.org](http://www.hatzolahmc.org).

#### **CHAI LIFELINE**

The Raritan Valley community will be hosting a Chai Lifeline "Friends & Fun" Shabbaton, bringing 25-30 girls (7-18 yrs old) who have life-threatening illnesses to our neighborhood for a weekend of fun [on March 4](http://www.chailifeline.org). Please help us make this an event to remember. There will be a community-wide seudah shlishit FOR WOMEN at RPRY at 5pm. Come and show our community's famous hospitality and sing along with our friends from Chai Lifeline. Sponsor or contribute today (all contributions will be displayed on a recognition card):  
- \$1,000 - (Platinum) - \$500 - (Gold)  
- \$360 - (Silver) - \$180 - (Sponsor)  
- Up to \$180- Contributor  
Please make checks out to "Chai Lifeline" and mail to Ohr Torah or to David Waizer, [53 North 7<sup>th</sup> Ave, Highland Park, NJ 08904](mailto:DavidWaizer@hatzolahmc.org).

#### **TERROR IN BLACK SEPTEMBER**

The Orthodox Forum of HP/Edison presents: David Raab Saturday night, March 4, at 8:30pm at Cong Etz Ahaim. On Sept 6, 1970, at age 17, en route to the US after a summer in Israel, David Raab was hijacked by the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) to Jordan. He was held hostage for three weeks: first on a plane in the desert, then in a Palestinian refugee camp, and then in an apartment in Amman through a civil war. In 2007, he published Terror in Black September. 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](http://www.orthodoxjewishforum.org)

#### **JEWISH EDUCATIONAL CENTER**

-Have you heard about the Jewish Educational Center's brand new Tuition Affordability Program? Middle Income families are now eligible for a tuition cap based upon their AGI no matter how

many children they have attending the JEC's three divisions - Lower School, RTMA and Bruriah! Visit the JEC's divisional websites or call the JEC to learn more about this revolutionizing program that will make tuition affordable again!

-The JEC Lower School is proud to announce the launch of JEC Juniors- its new, exciting pre-nursery track for the 2017-18 school year! Open to children ages 2 1/2 - 3. Birthday cut-off is March 31, 2015. JEC Juniors enjoy the same amenities, programming and personal attention as the rest of the early childhood students. Now accepting applications! Contact the JEC for a tour! [LowerSchool@theJEC.org](mailto:LowerSchool@theJEC.org), 908-355-4850, ext. 6234. We look forward to welcoming you!

#### **YESH TIKVA FUNDRAISER**

Shop for a Cause, Take 2 - Sun night, Mar 5th from 7-9pm Sale to benefit Yesh Tikva: a Jewish Infertility Community All women and girls welcome! 2 LulAroe consultants: women and girls modest clothing styles. Topline tables: custom tablecloths to enhance your home (bring your measurements). Rodan + Fields: skin care line Simply Doughlicios: allergy free baked goods that everyone can enjoy! FREE SAMPLES. Yesh Tikva Purim Cards Free to attend, donations welcome Proceeds will benefit Yesh Tikva to help raise awareness and sensitivity towards infertility in the Jewish community At the home of Elie & Awi Salomon 329 North Fifth Ave questions, email: [eliesalomon@gmail.com](mailto:eliesalomon@gmail.com) For more info about the organization: [www.yesh Tikva.org](http://www.yesh Tikva.org)

#### **ROSH CHODESH SHIDDUCH GROUP**

The next Rosh Chodesh Shidduch Group will meet on Monday February 27th. We will meet at the Ravitz home at 8PM. Please bring a resume and picture of anyone your presenting. Please RSVP on Facebook if possible

#### **YACHAD IS BACK IN TOWN & WE NEED YOU!**

The Shabbat of March 3rd, Ahavas Achim will be hosting our second annual Yachad Shabbaton. Yachad Shabbatonim are an opportunity for individuals with special needs to come together for a Shabbat of inclusion and fun with fellow Yachad members, mainstream peers, community members, and Yachad staff. In addition to a lunch at AA that is open to the community, families from Highland Park and Edison are invited to host Yachad members in their homes for Shabbat, as well as Friday night dinner. If you are interested in hosting Yachad members over Shabbat, or for Friday night dinner, contact Jeremy Lichtman [jdlichtman@gmail.com](mailto:jdlichtman@gmail.com).

#### **TEAM YACHAD QUEENS 5K RUN/WALK**

4/2/17 - Join us in Flushing Meadows Corona Park #5200 to raise, \$20 to register. Free shirt and swag to be given out. Registration bib pick up 7:30AM. Start time 9AM For info contact Shoava Berezin-Bahr 212-613-8105 or [Shoava@ou.org](mailto:Shoava@ou.org)

#### **AAU TUESDAY NIGHT LECTURE SERIES**

AAU presents a special pre-Purim learning opportunity featuring RIETS Rosh Yeshiva Rabbi David Hirsch. On Tue, Feb 28 and Mar 7 at 8:30 pm Rabbi Hirsch will explore three different sugyot from Masechet Megillah on the laws of Purim. This is an opportunity to study for a sustained period with one of Yeshiva University's Roshei Yeshiva and deepen your understanding of Purim. All are invited to join the learning!

*The topics of each shiur will be:*

**Feb28:** Mishloach Manot **Mar 7:** Taanit Esther Rabbi David Hirsch, who lives with his family in Passaic, is a popular and dynamic teacher who holds the Eva, Morris, and Jack K. Rubin Memorial Chair in Rabbinitics at RIETS. **AAU SHABBATON WITH RABBI MICHAEL TAUBES** In conjunction with YU's Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary, which will celebrate its Chag

Hasemicha in March, AAU presents a Shabbat Experience with RIETS Rosh Yeshiva Rabbi Michael Taubes Shabbat, Feb 24-25.

**Friday Night, Feb 24, 8:30pm:** Shiur by Rabbi Taubes followed by Oneg Shabbat: "Educating Our Children: How Should We Measure Success?"

**Shabbat, Feb 25:** Shiur by Rabbi Taubes after Mussaf, Main Sanctuary: "Machatzit HaShekel and the Price of Membership in Klal Yisrael" Pre-Mincha Shiur, 4:30pm RIETS Musmach, Class of 2017, Rabbi Eliron Levinson:

"Megillat Esther Through the Vilna Gaon's Prism" Seudah Shlishit Shiur by Rabbi Taubes, 6pm "Behind The Mask: The Inner Meaning of Purim" Rabbi Michael Taubes teaches Yoreh Deah at RIETS. He has served as Rosh Yeshiva and Head of School at MTA and the Head of School at the Mesivta of North Jersey, in addition to teaching in YU's James Striar School of General Jewish Studies and Isaac Breuer College of Hebraic Studies. An alumnus of Yeshivat Har Etzion in Israel, Rabbi Taubes attended [Yeshiva College](#), earned his semicha from RIETS, where he studied in the *shiur* of Rav Joseph B. Soloveitchik, z"l, and holds a master's degree in Jewish education from YU's [Ferkauf Graduate School of Psychology](#).

Rabbi Taubes, along with his wife and their children, reside in Teaneck, where he serves as the Rabbi of Cong Zichron Mordechai, delivering regular *shiurim* and lectures both at the shul and at the Beis Medrash of Bergen County. Rabbi Taubes is the author of *The Practical Torah*, a collection of articles on topics in halacha based on the weekly *parsha*, as well as numerous essays on an array of Torah subjects appearing in Jewish publications.

#### **PURIM CARDS FROM THE KINDER FUND**

The Kinder Fund in memory of Dina Eisner, a"h, 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 Josefovitz at [732.572.9432](tel:732.572.9432), Shoshana Diskind at [732.572.7755](tel:732.572.7755), Lani Eisner at [732.572.1087](tel:732.572.1087) or Janice Lustiger at [732.819.4919](tel:732.819.4919) or e-mail request to [thekinderfund@gmail.com](mailto:thekinderfund@gmail.com).

#### **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](http://www.actt613.org/3.html) For more info, see the ACTT web-site, [www.actt613.org](http://www.actt613.org), e-mail [info@actt613.org](mailto: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](http://www.ENRV.org) or contact Bob Lansay at [ENRVInfo@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:ENRVInfo@gmail.com).

#### **NORPAC MISSION**

NORPAC's Mission to Washington is an annual event where we bring close to a thousand citizen activists to Washington, DC, in order to advocate for a stronger U.S.-Israel relationship with Members of Congress.

Join us on Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. On a single-day trip you will meet with Members of Congress and

their staff, and share your concerns with them about aid to Israel, Iranian threats, security cooperation, and more. Help us make a difference once again! Buses leave for Washington from our area at 6:30AM and return between 9-10 PM There will be briefings on the bus. All meals will be provided. Early discounted rate up to March 13. Register now for the early bird discount: [www.norpac.net](http://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) contact Marc Hanfling [doddad@aol.com](mailto:doddad@aol.com), Barry Wolf, Yosef Schreiber, Neer Even-hen for more info.

#### **JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES**

-To help alleviate hunger in our community, Jewish Family Services of Middlesex County (JFS) once again, is coordinating a special Passover Food Appeal. JFS is asking for monetary gifts and accepting food during March and April, to benefit 700 members of our community who celebrate Passover; individuals and families who are experiencing difficult financial times in today's economic environment. Each dollar raised and every box, can or container of food collected goes to the people who need it the most. You can participate in one of the following ways: • make a monetary donation by March 16 • donate kosher food for Passover by March 26\* • assemble food packages by March 26\* • deliver food packages on April 2\* JFS is excited to partner with Cong Beth Ohr in Old Bridge, the host site for this year's Passover activities for the 2017 Passover Food Appeal. We are counting on you for your support this Passover! Without your help, people simply may not be able to celebrate their traditions. This Passover, when you give up bread, please give it up with generosity as many people in our community are relying on you. Kindly use the enclosed form to indicate how you will help our community this 2017 Passover season. Wishing you and your family a happy, healthy Passover! -JFS has job openings for Licensed Clinical Social Workers and for an Exec Dir. Please visit their website at [www.jfsmiddlesex.org](http://www.jfsmiddlesex.org) for more info.

#### **MA'AYANOT YESHIVA HS ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP DINNER**

Ma'ayanot Yeshiva High School for Girls invites the community to our Annual Scholarship Dinner on Saturday night, March 4th at 8:30pm at Cong Keter Torah in Teaneck. We are grateful to have the opportunity to dedicate this year's dinner to the memory of Bruce Ritholtz, z"l, and we are honored to present to his family our *Be'er Torah Memorial Award*. In addition, please join us in honoring Lori and Eliot Linzer as our *Amudei Ma'ayanot Honorees*, Rabbi Daniel and Diane Cohen as *Parents of the Year*, and Mrs. Suzanne Cohen as *Teacher of the Year*. For more info or to RSVP, visit [www.maayanot.org](http://www.maayanot.org) or contact Pam Ennis, Dir of Development, [ennisp@maayanot.org](mailto:ennisp@maayanot.org).

#### **MA'AYANOT PRESENTS**

#### **"HEALTHY SHABBAT: MAKING IT WORK FOR YOU & YOUR FAMILY"**

New date! Ma'ayanot invites women in the community to "Healthy Shabbat: Making It Work For You & Your Family" with Mrs. Rivki Berman, Registered Dietitian Nutritionist Tuesday, Feb. 28 @ the Orlinsky Family 286 Ridge St New Milford, NJ Recipe tasting, healthy recipe conversion tips, shopping tips, and Shabbat menus. Open to the community! Grandmothers, mothers, daughters welcome. Bring your friends! For more info, please contact Pam Ennis, [ennisp@maayanot.org](mailto:ennisp@maayanot.org).

#### **BIKUR CHOLIM:**

**Bikur Cholim of Raritan Valley Annual Event** to be held Sunday, March 5th, at 9:30AM at the Pines Manor in Edison. Guest speaker: Rabbi

Dovid Goldwasser Invitations have been mailed. For more info please go to the Bikur Cholim website: [bikurcholimrv.com](http://bikurcholimrv.com) **HOSPITALITY ROOM** at RWJ Univ Hospital! Located on the main floor. Go through the main entrance and bear left towards gift shop. Turn right through double doors. Follow hall and turn right. Room is located opposite surgical intensive care unit. Its 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, call helpline at 732-572-7181.

- **MOTHER'S HELPERS:** Bikur Cholim is looking for Mother's Helpers to help with a special need's 5yr old girl. Volunteers are needed for any time, Mon thru Fri We are looking for girls 10<sup>th</sup> grade and up. If you can help, even for a few hours, call Mrs. Rivka Teresh directly at 347-598-9448.

- **SEEKING VOLUNTEERS.** 7-year-old boy in RWJ's Children Hospital needs visitors for times when his parents cannot be with him. Parents live in Brooklyn and are seeking people to stay with him for various time shifts.

- **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](mailto:rbaruh@yahoo.com)

-**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).

- **TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:** Drivers and coordinators needed. Coordinate rides to and from medical appts - match requesters with an avail driver. Each coordinator serves for 2 weeks at a time. To volunteer to coordinate or drive, call Bikur Cholim hotline at 732-572-7181 or fill out the volunteer form on the website [bikurcholimrv.com](http://bikurcholimrv.com) - **WEBSITE:** [bikurcholimrv.com](http://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.

#### **KHAL CHASSIDIM**

Simply Tzfat kumtitz: In the week leading up to its Annual Malva Malka, Khal Chassidim is holding a special (free admission) kumtitz with our friends from Simply Tzfat on Sunday, Feb 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 at Rabbi Horowitz's Shteible, Khal Chassidim on 46 North 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue. This Kumtitz is among the many gatherings – in song, study and community commemoration – held in tribute to Hinda bas Yaakov Peretz, Rabbi Horowitz's precious wife a"h. We invite your community to ours in sweet song to remember a precious part of Khal Chassidim, who in the tradition of Chassidus, sought to bring comfort and support to everyone she met in the greater Highland Park community and beyond. There will be seating areas for men and women in the Shteible Beit Midrash. Our thanks to you for sharing these words and to Simply Tzfat for making their way to Highland Park/Edison for this special tribute to our Rebbetzin Hinda Horowitz a"h.

#### **OHAV EMETH**

Cong. Ohav Emeth's 10th Annual Purim Costume Gemach kicks off on Rosh Chodesh Adar, Feb 26th with great excitement. Over 800 infants to adult costumes are available to borrow. Both kids and their parents enjoy coming to see what new

costumes there are and trying on new costumes. All of the costumes have been donated over the last 9 years by great community members. The Gemach continues this year for 3 more days on Wed night, March 1st from 6pm – 8pm, Sun March 5th from 10 am-3 pm and on Tue March 7th from 6pm to 8pm. Cost is either \$5 donation or 1 donated costume per costume borrowed. Gemach is located at Cong Ohav Emeth, 415 Raritan Ave., HP, NJ. For more info email

[costumegemach@yahoo.com](mailto:costumegemach@yahoo.com) or see facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/costumegemach>

#### **NEFESH B NEFESH**

SUNDAY FEB 26<sup>T</sup> AT John Jay College, 524 West 59<sup>th</sup> Street NYC. Mores sessions and wider selection of topics. Medical Professionals Seminar; Israel "Shuk" with food and music; Children's Programs; Vendor Fair with 50+ Israel service providers. Register today: [www.nbn.org.il/mega](http://www.nbn.org.il/mega)

#### **LOCAL TZEDAKAH NEED**

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. Please search [Thechesedfund.com](http://Thechesedfund.com) and put in the name of the campaign which is **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.) If you wish to make out a check instead of contributing online, please make it out to Cong Ohav Emeth, in the memo write Rabbi's Charity Fund. On a separate note (NOT in memo) write that it is for the Rehab campaign"

#### **AHAVAS YISROEL**

The Ahavas Yisroel Women's Learning Program is pleased to announce this month's shiur: Yifat Schnur, Esquire will speak on the topic: "Insights into the Parsha".

Please join us on Shabbat afternoon, March 4 at 4:15 PM at the home of Avigayl and Jason Leff 20 Brookfall Road Edison. All women and girls high school age and older are invited to attend.

#### **FOR WOMEN**

-Rebbitzen Eichenstein's classes for women: Tefillah class on Sunday, Feb 26 at 11:00 AM at the Aguda shule; Please contact Aviva at 732-572-4408 or [siegelmom@optonline.net](mailto:siegelmom@optonline.net) for status of class on Monday, Feb. 27.

-Monday – Feb 27<sup>th</sup> 7:30PM: Mrs. Leah Drillman's Shimiras Haloshon class will meet at the home of Janet Rivenson, 19 Price Dr, Edison. For more info, call Ellen at 201-410-1893 or 732-777-6787.

-Tuesday Feb 28<sup>th</sup> 9:30AM: Mrs. Miri Cohen's Parsha class will take place at the home of Leah Epshtein, 253 Lawrence Ave, HP. For info, call 732-966-6503.

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

-Tiferes DVD for women Motzai Shabbos, March 18 at 9PM, at the Siegel house. Weekly teleconferences with topics such as shalom bayis and parenting are available to Tiferes members.

Current teleconference: "My Best Self" with Mrs. Chaya Hinda Allen. For info, contact Aviva [siegelmom@optonline.net](mailto:siegelmom@optonline.net). The HP / Edison group of Tiferes is zecher l'nishmas Malka bas Shalom.

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

-The Edison/HP gowin 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 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 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 [siegelmom@optonline.net](mailto:siegelmom@optonline.net)

#### **PARK MIKVAH NEWS**

-The HP 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 is extending their hours throughout the duration of Park Mikvah renovations: Sat – Thur: 8PM – 11PM. Please check 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 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](mailto: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 Terr, Highland Park, NJ 08904 or payment by credit card or PayPal via [PayPal.Me/parkmikvah](https://www.paypal.com/merchot/display_cupn?from=cgi-bin_paypal_nx) For more info, email [hpmikvah@gmail.com](mailto:hpmikvah@gmail.com) or [www.parkmikvah.org](http://www.parkmikvah.org).

**OHR TORAH NEWSLETTER:** To subscribe to these Announcements, go to [www.ohrtorah.net](http://www.ohrtorah.net)

**E-MAIL LIST:** To get on the Ohr Torah e-mail list, please contact Gene Wasserman at [genew@compugene.com](mailto:genew@compugene.com).

**KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP:** To sponsor Kiddush or reserve the Kiddush room, please contact Mel Barenholtz by email: [mbarenh@yahoo.com](mailto: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 [siegelmad@optonline.net](mailto:siegelmad@optonline.net).

**HOUSEKEEPING:** For housekeeping issues and inquiries contact Lou Smith at [ludeeju@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:reenagreenspan@yahoo.com) or Gene Wasserman 732-397-0130 or [genew@compugene.com](mailto:genew@compugene.com)

**YAHRZEIT DATABASE:** To register a family member in the Yahrzeit database, go to [ohrtorah.net](http://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 Teruma**

Candlelighting:	5:33pm
Mincha:	5:40pm

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](mailto:announcements@ohrtorah.net) by 7PM Wed. Please make sure to leave a contact/callback name and phone number.